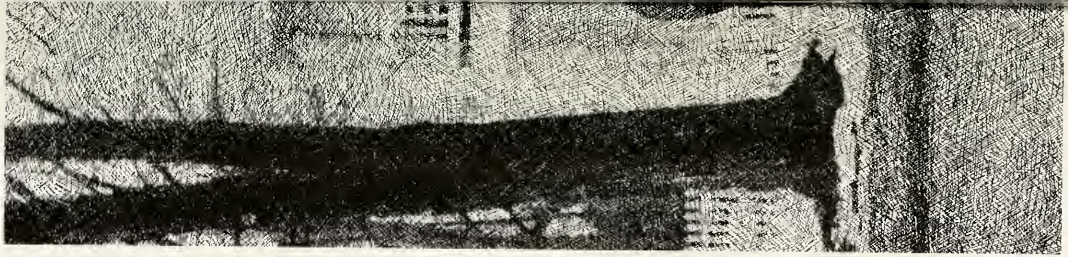
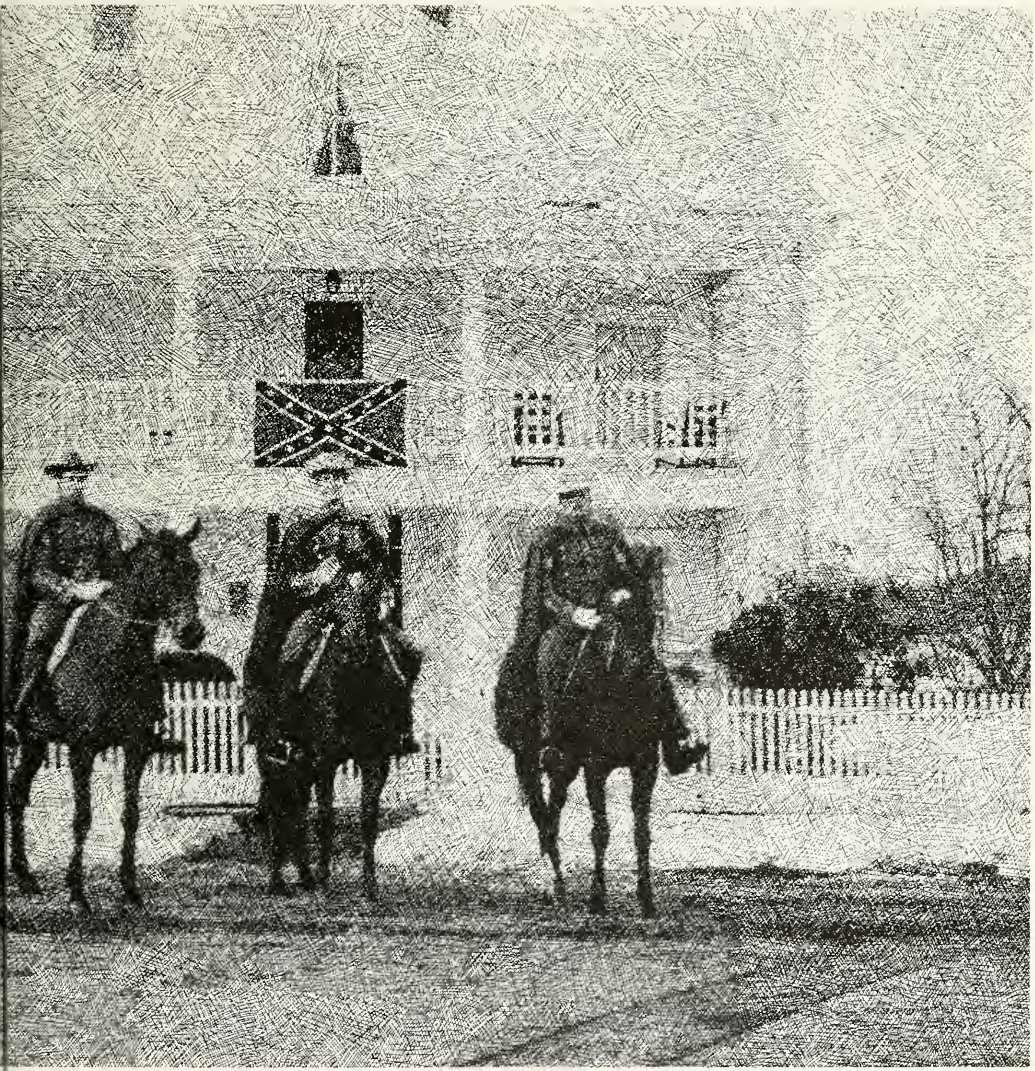




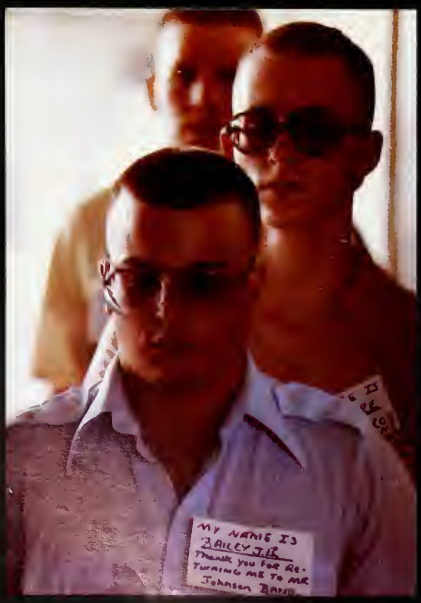
Quiet they stand, yet what sights these gates have seen. Challenges conquered, dreams dissolved, and boys transformed to men. This is VMI, an institution based deep in tradition, devoted to education and built on a base of challenge. Few choose this path, for it is difficult by any standard, yet here is where we come; boys, young in spirit and in mind only to emerge changed. For within these walls a man is built; tamed through discipline, formed through knowledge and instilled with honor. This is VMI — The Virginia Military Institute.

"My God — Nobody ever told me about this!" The V.M.I. Ratline was not meant to be enjoyed — and it's not. The ratline is a challenge, both mentally and physically, that forces each cadet to the limit of his ability and beyond. Not everyone survives, but those who do possess the determination and confidence that will enable them to overcome the challenge imposed upon them by V.M.I.

Honor, of all the qualities possessed by the VMI man, none is so respected or protected as The Honor Code. No matter how low a cadet's grades may be, or how terrible his demerit record, all VMI men carry deep within them that one quality which sets them far above the average man: Honor. Simply stated and strictly enforced, the code sets forth the basic ideal upon which all cadets base their lives.

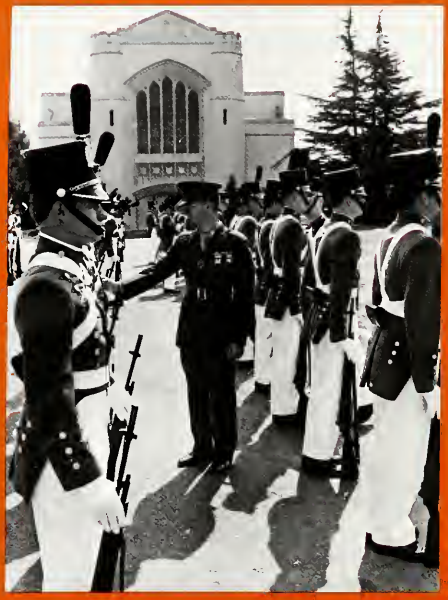
A CADET WILL NOT LIE, CHEAT OR STEAL, OR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO.

Forced to march, forced to dress alike, forced to face a common experience: we conform. Yet though we may seem alike, we are different. For each retains that part of him which is strong and disregards the weak.



Yes we conform, we conform to the virtues of dedication, discipline and honor: and in our conformity we find our individuality.

The silly and the serious marks cadet life at the Institute. From the minute inspections of our useless rifles to the serious testing of our intellectual growth, cadets are constantly challenged by the V.M.I. system.



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450	F	FOLTZ W B	82/LA	3.0	
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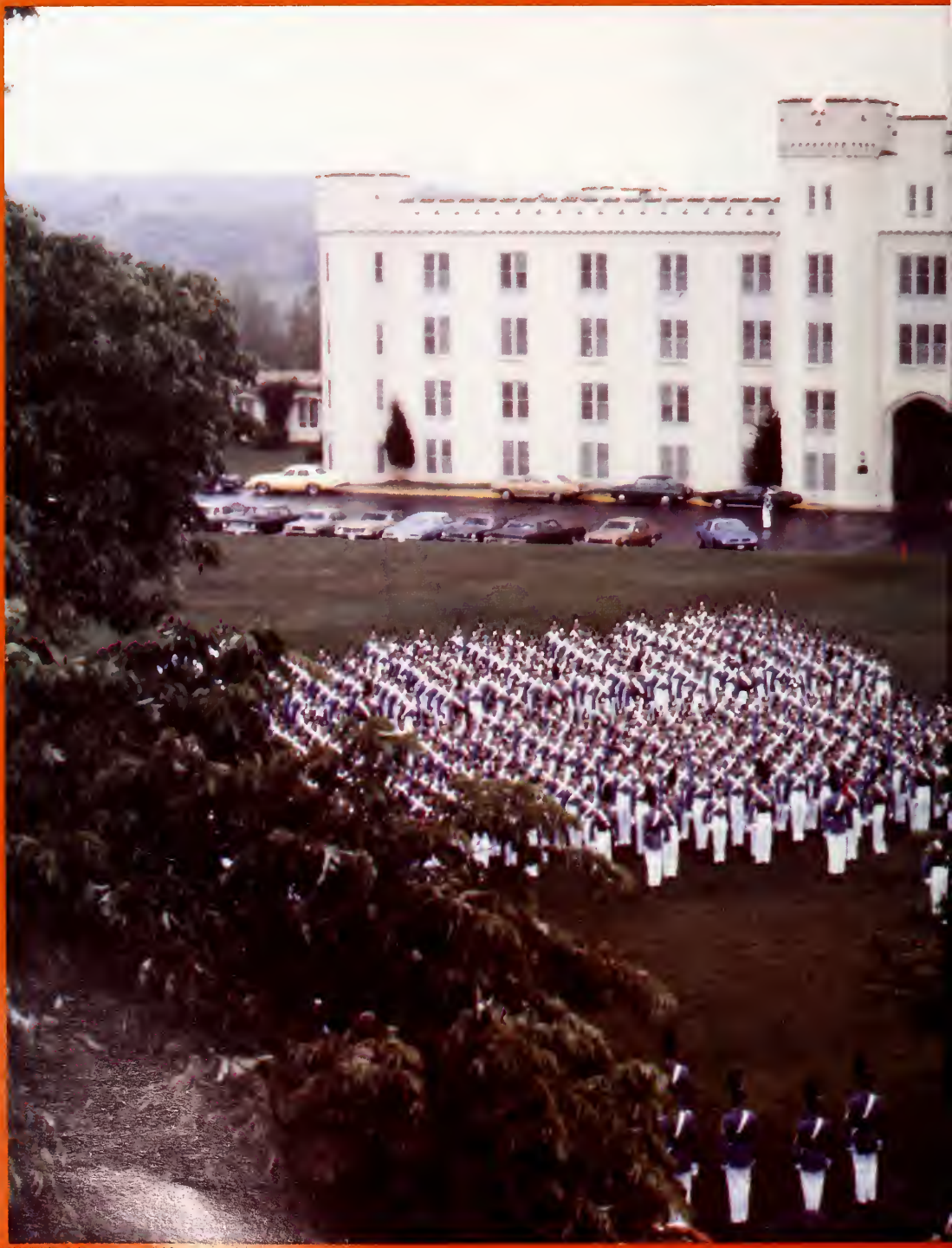
REPORT OF DELINQUENCIES 14-15 NOVEMBER 1978

SPECIAL REPORTS

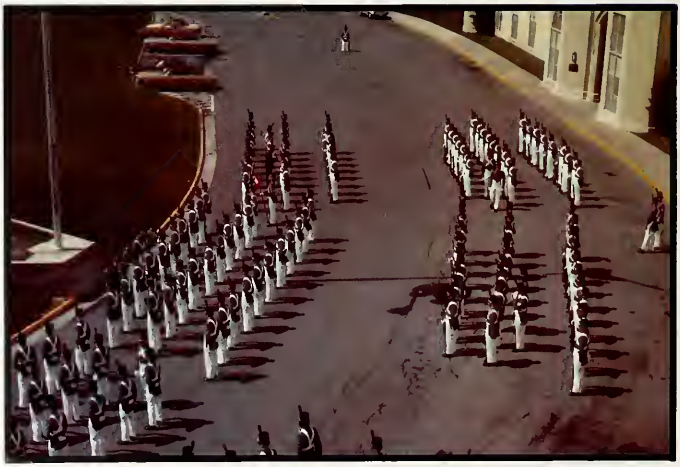
Arnold, RE	Failure to return status slip 2nd CP, 14 Nov
Bouchelle,JS	Failure to inform 1st Sgt. of status, 14 Nov
Curtis,JM	Unauthorized absence off post beyond the limits of Lexington i.e. Buena Vista between Taps & BRC, 4 Nov
Chipley, CL	Lights on in room, room unoccupied, destruction of Institute property; i.e. broken window, 15 Nov
Clark,DP	Unauthorized civilian clothes in room, 15 Nov
Dixon,JH	Unintentionally 9 mins. late MD, 14 Nov
Gomez,JP	Dirty windowsill, stereo cabinet in disorder, dart board imp displayed, dirty floor, laundry on floor
Hyatt,JR	Unauthorized absence off post beyond limits of Lexington i.e. Buena Vista between Taps & BRC, 4 Nov
McIver,DA	"
Mauck,DA	"
Mathews,JA	Failure to inform 1st Sgt. of status, 14 Nov
Minnix,JB	Dirty floor, trash in radiator, cooler in room gym dyke on floor, sulfa set imp displayed, 15 Nov
Manley,GR	Unintentionally 26 mins. late 2nd CP, 14 Nov
Peterson,GW	Not all right 6th CP; i.e., off post on 3.0 cut 14 Nov
Paustenbaugh,JL	Non-regulation haircut, 15 Nov
Snell,Kl	Failure to inform 1st Sgt. of status, 14 Nov
Tabbert,Nc	Dirty glass shelves, mirror & basin, lights on, 15 Nov
Wilson,RR	Failure to inform 1st Sgt. of status, 14 Nov

Many of our number excell, some fail, yet all who face the VMI challenge share a common attribute: the VMI Bond. Developed during the long hours of late study and strengthened by the endless weeks of confinement; The VMI Bond grows. Once strangers, we now feel a strong tie with those who overcome the defeats and savor the victories of our common experience. This is the VMI Bond — a bond so strong it knows no limits, not even death.



"Yes Virginia — There are good times at V.M.I."

V.M.I. is not all work. During those all too brief moments when we find time for fun, we enjoy them to the utmost. Whether it be a formal dance, a Saturday football game, or a refreshing dip in the icy waters of Twin Falls, cadets always manage to have fun in the same fashion in which they work: hard and with total dedication.



The seasons change at VMI, but traditions never die. Fortunately, some of them are enjoyable, and we have all looked forward to one special Ring Figure Weekend during our cadetship.

Graduation and the V.M.I. diploma, once only a fleeting dream is now a reality. A hot August day four years ago marks the beginning of our V.M.I. challenge. Graduation, with the awarding of our diplomas marks the successful completion of that challenge and the satisfaction of realizing a dream held by many, yet attained by few.

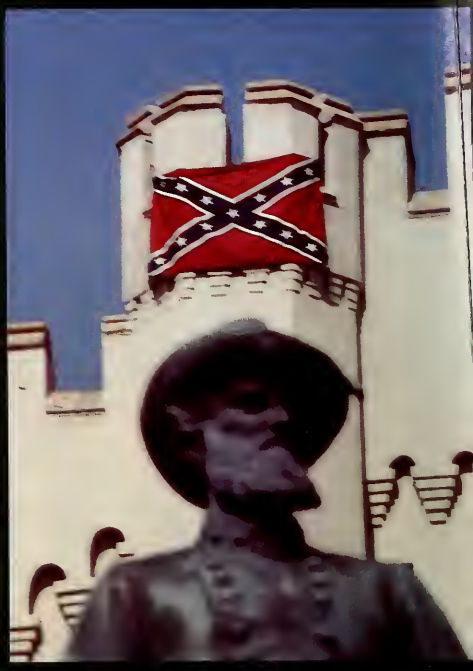
Our four year experience has been a long one, filled with obstacles seemingly unbearable. Yet for we who perservered the rewards are great. The memories of the loneliness and frustration will fade quickly. The sense of honor and dedication, the memories of success and good times, and the true bonds of friendship developed at V.M.I., shall remain with us forever.

No longer shall the trip back to V.M.I. seem long and depressing. No longer shall the barracks seem a bleak prison-like structure. For we are now prepared to leave barracks and cadet life, cross the parade field, and enter Moody Hall to join the ranks of the alumni.

We have been taught much more than facts and figures during the last four years. We learned and developed qualities that could only be rendered by the V.M.I. challenge and for that, we owe the Institute our deepest thanks. Now, with confidence, and determination, we turn to face the challenges that lie ahead.

One can never truly understand VMI without an understanding of her heritage. From within Virginia sprang the traditions and leaders that first forged the South and then this great nation. Today, as always, we here at VMI pride ourselves in being her finest son. A blood strained battlefield serves as a reminder of our dedication. For VMI stands today a bastion of tradition, tradition passed to us from our forefathers in gray. A tradition that places the highest priority, not on racism or hatred, but on virtue, honor and the code of a gentleman. Silent now the cannons stand, yet we here at VMI remember their thunderous roar and salute the heritage that we so humbly inherit: the heritage of the South. The song is no longer played at VMI, the flag is no longer flown, the thought is suppressed by those above, yet we, the cadets and sons of our forefathers, remember. And through our remembrance we keep alive the virtues and noble principles of our land — the land of Dixie.

J. G.



"The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a true gentleman.

The power which the strong have over the weak, the employer over the employed, the educated over the unlettered, the experienced over the confiding, even the clever over the silly — the forbearing or inoffensive use of all this power or authority, or a total abstinence from it when the case admits it, will show the gentleman in a plain light. The gentleman does not needlessly and unnecessarily remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him. He can not only forgive, he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which impart sufficient strength to let the past be but the past. A true gentleman feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others."

Robert Edward Lee

Let us follow his example . . .

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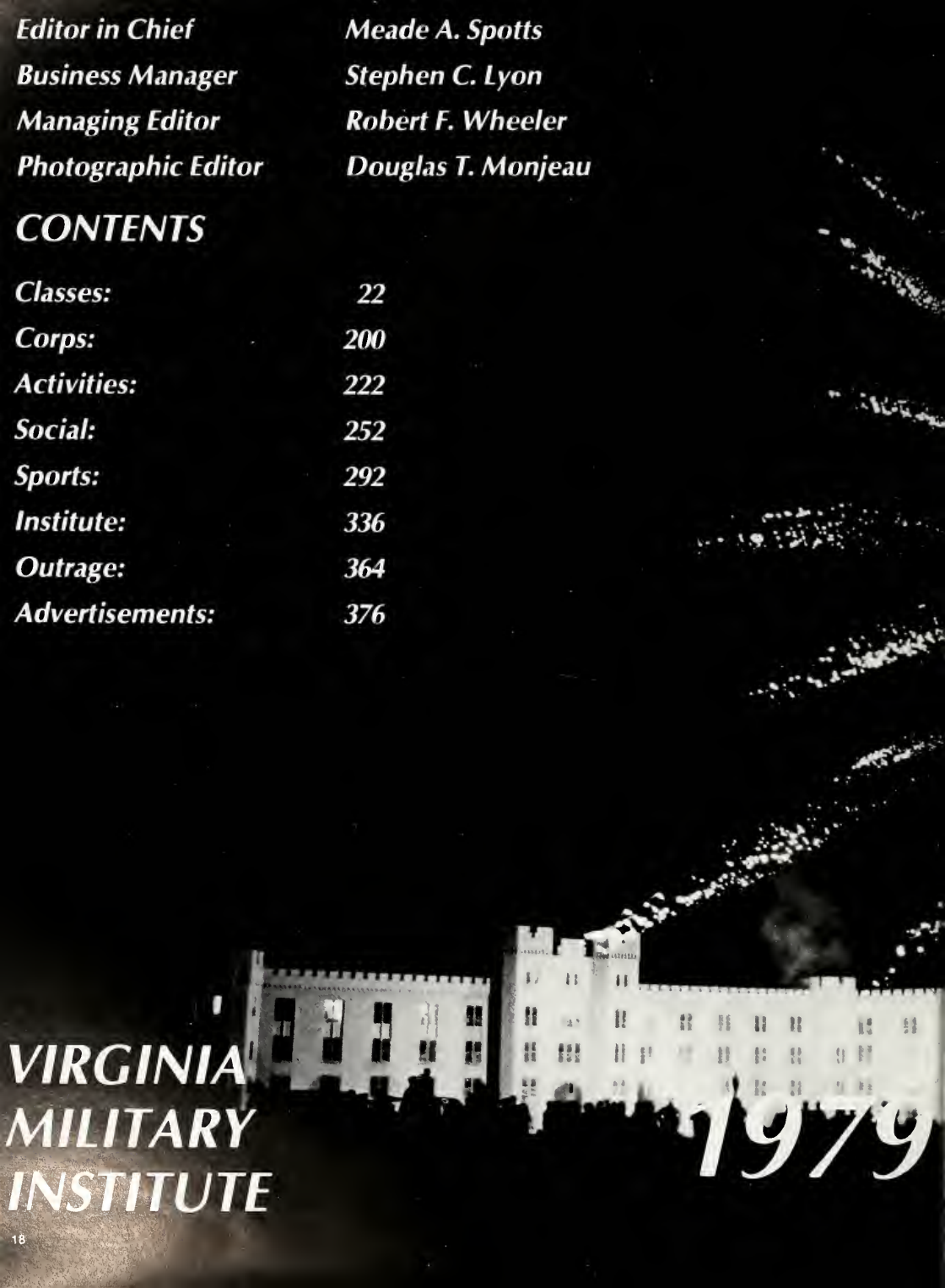

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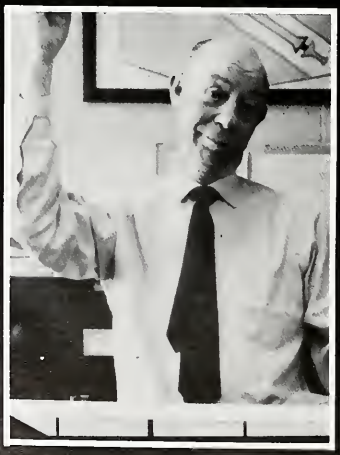
DEDICATION

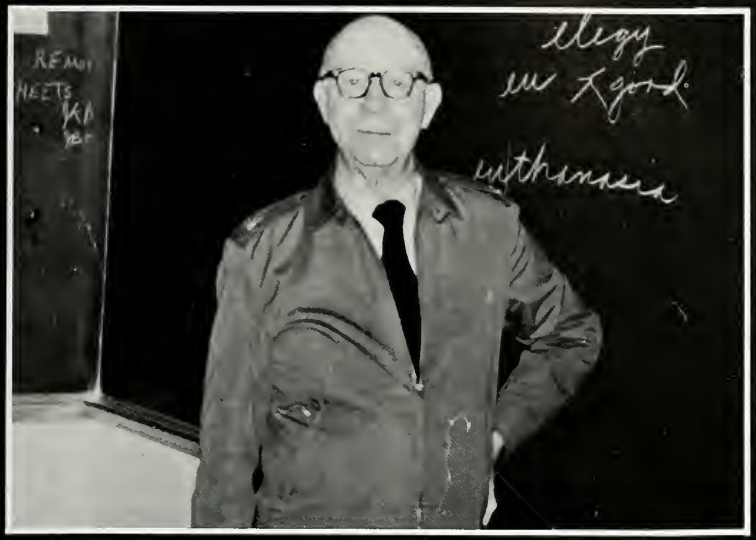
The Class of 1979 will be the last class touched by "Dodo" Dillard, the man. We mourn not that he is gone but that those who follow us will not be inspired, as we were, by his genius.

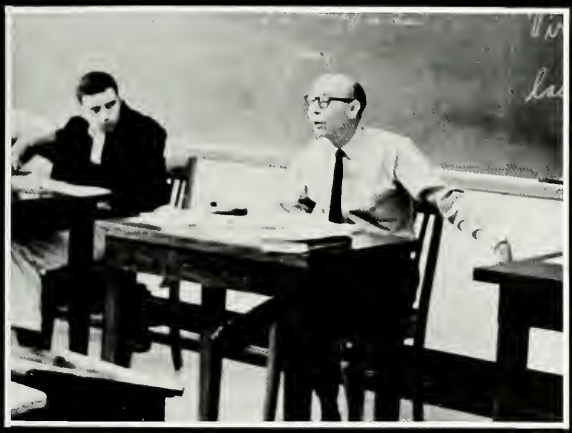
A plaque, representing a passing rememberance, on an otherwise cold wall, is all the honor most men may hope for. We, in the Class of 1979, will take a part of "Dodo" with us, he will live on through us, wherever we go.

Every member and friend of this class, every sincere and open mind can look to what "Dodo" was, and what he stood for, with admiration and love. May we follow his lead and never forget, as he never forgat, that we too, were once cadets.

IN MEMORY OF
HERBERT NASH DILLARD
VMI CLASS OF 1934
DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, 1938 – 1976
HE WAS A MAN, TAKE HIM FOR ALL IN ALL
WE SHALL NOT LOOK UPON HIS LIKE AGAIN.
HAMLET, I, ii
THE CADETS OF THE
VMI ENGLISH SOCIETY, 1977 – 78







We hereby dedicate the 1979 VMI *BOMB* to Colonel Herbert Nash Dillard, Jr., that his vibrant spirit, his undying dream, his unparalleled example, may live and continue to touch the lives of those who follow.

People may say what they want about him, for

"the spirit who has seen
the spectre of death
cannot be scared by the faces
of the thieves; the soldier
who has seen the swords
glittering over his head and
streams of blood under his feet
does not care about the rocks
thrown at him by the children
on the streets . . ."

— Gibran

CLASSES

THE CLASS OF 1979

Tony Hamilton — President
Paul Jussel — Vice President
Jose Gomez — Historian

August 20, 1975 — Matriculation
January 27, 1976 — Breakout
November 18, 1977 — Ring Figure
May 19, 1979 — Graduation

As graduation approaches, we the class of 1979 can now reflect upon our four years at the V.M.I. Our cadetship began August 20, 1975, when 431 individuals from a variety of backgrounds entered Limits Gates. Little did we realize the impending trials and tribulations of this most demanding period of our lives. All of us experienced the loneliness, the degradation, and the humiliation of the Rat Line, but with the help of our dykes and the Brother Rat Spirit, we achieved our goal. On January 27, 1976, we 431 individuals became one, the V.M.I. Class of 1979

The onset of our Third Class year brought visions of grandeur. Yet the absence of our dykes and the ever present nemesis of academics, brought us back to the reality of the V.M.I. system. We persevered however, and looked forward to our Second Class year and Ring Figure.

At that time, Ring Figure 79 was the highlight of our cadetship. With the acquirement of our rings we gained a new sense of pride and renewed purpose in our class and ourselves. Additionally, our Second Class year brought a taste of the true college experience.

Our First Class year dawned with startling clarity. Positions of leadership encompassing the entire rank and social structure of the V.M.I. were filled by First Classmen. Men, formally of indifferent postures, abandoned their quiet security to assume the task of disciplining the incoming class. With proud eternal motives, each man contributed to the breakdown and subsequent embryonic growth of a new rat consciousness. Barracks became the scene of conflicts in which each man's sense of right and wrong was tempered by the anvil, and defined by experience. The success and failure of our evolving efforts will forever be a part of the first resulting generation: the dykes of 1982. Challenged by the opportunity of instill a new set of lasting values within our dykes, we abandoned the soft conscience generated by popularity, and used the rat line as a means to develope discipline; the attribute we recognize as essential to all great achievements.

Now, at the close of our four year experience, our Class reflects upon barracks life with a satisfaction infinitely greater than that engendered by good times. We see a land of healed wounds and countless treaties, culminating in that most humble, yet greatest attribute of all: friendship, bond of mutual adversity. This bond, developed through the common trials of cadet life, establishes a V.M.I. man far and above the common grain. We leave our dykes with the experience of a most difficult year. Their completion of it, has insured them of that same satisfaction, and more importantly, has insured us similarly, of an outstanding graduate.

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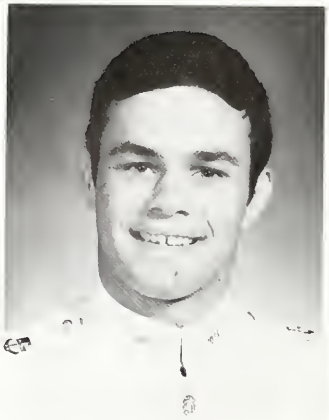


Howard I. Adams, Jr.

"Smoke, Smokie, Howie, Hypo"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Pre-Law Society, Secretary 2; V. Football 4; Manager 3; 1st Class Editor *BOMB* 1; Dean's List 2, 1; 2 Knee Operations 4, 2; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1.

The Smokeless Wonder arrived at VMI in overdrive and never downshifted. As a next door neighbor in Ghetto our rat year and a roomie our 3rd, I saw Smoke go from one beautiful blind date to the next, and I saw the stripes on his sleeve accumulate along with the academic honors. Still he managed to put up with the Jester, D.B., Larry Huh, and the madness of 331, but not without the invaluable love and support from home. Mom and Grandmother made the trip frequently, and their cheerfulness (and pecan pies) helped more than these mere words can express. The last 2 yrs. Smoke had Nancy, and she alone made all the hardships of the I worthwhile. Be happy, y'all have earned it. MAS

DYKES 1976: Gregory Speaker
1982: Ward Walsh, David McCarthy

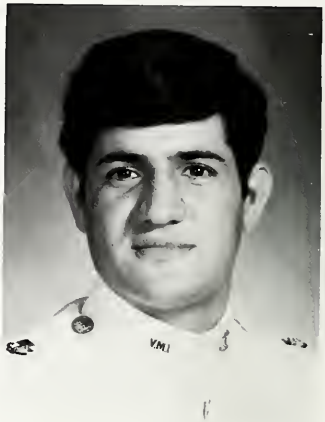
Lawrence David Adams

"Poindexter, L.D."
Alexandria, Virginia
Economics — Army

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Librarian 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Debate Team 3, 2, Treasurer 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Dean's List 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Heart of Ghetto (442) 4; 41 S. Port 3, 2, 1; Hay Down, All Duty 4, 3, 2, 1; Zulu Raiders 2.

What can I say about a man who had Will Adams for a dyke? At least he was no relation! At VMI Poindexter climaxed his high school extracurricular frenzy becoming a master debater. We can't blame him for his outside activities, since it was as good an excuse as any to get away from Bro Hudge with whom he had the dubious distinction of rooming for three years. No wonder he contracted locker rexall syndrome and high blood pressure of the ears. Our second class year, Lawrence and I scarcely missed an appointment at the C.I., any given Saturday night vainly looking for Mrs. Goodbar. Originally determined to become a lawyer sometime after his cadet days, he has now definitely decided to either go in the army or be a civilian. We know he'll be successful in either branch. ABH

DYKES 1976: Will C. Adams
1982: Neal E. Fortney



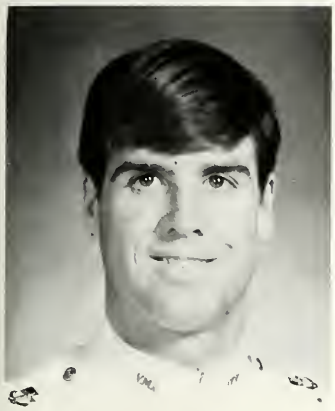
Darioush Ahmadpour Samani

"Boy, Mr. Rabit, Poursamani, Samani, Ahmadpour, Darioush, Dar, Ahmad, Daroosh, Gilligan"
Esfahan, Iran
Electrical Engineering — Imperial Iranian Navy

Karate; ISS; Ballard's Roommate 4, 3, 2 — Carty's Roommate 3, 2, 1; Tulloh's Roommate 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Darioush came to VMI the summer before our Rat year. Perseverance guided him through four years away from home and a tough EE curriculum. He became a member of the prestigious "Number One Club" 3rd class year and renewed his membership 2nd class year. In the meantime, his car was a great help to us all. Mr. Ahmadpour is proud of his four years as a private, and was always good for a laugh whenever his roommate was a sergeant of the guard. All in all, his friendship is true, though most bystanders would think the opposite. To sum it all up, it's been fun. See you later, Boy! JJC Jr.

DYKES 1976: Robert Edward Gleason
1982: Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson Ingram, IV



John M. Airis

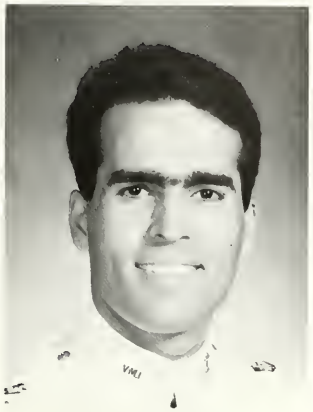
"Jay, Ayrass, Arass"
Potomac, Maryland
CE — Air Force

Dean's List (4 yrs.); Jr. Var. Basketball 2; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2, 1; Social Chairman 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 1; A.S.M.E. 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; 2330 Rack Club, 4 Year NEB Residency.

Arass assumed his residency with 2 goals: a CE degree and a great social life. The impossible, both, was achieved. The future "Mrs." will steal from us a devoted BR and one helluva grocery list. Keep in touch '79A. MAS

My 4th Class year was spent with a Bird and a Nectar from Orange. 3rd Class year brought a Chipmunk, a white haired old man and Roscoe's. First part of 2nd Class year was preoccupied with Ring Figure. But that's all "Psychological," right Bird? Of course it's impossible to fit everything I want to say in 140 words or less. Let it suffice to say thanks Mom and Dad, and to all my Brother Rats. "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." Thomas Edison

DYKES: 1976: Buzzy Moncure
1982: Scott Oliveira



Dariush Akhavan

"Doosh, Shevy Van, Dee, DAR"
Tehran, Iran
EE, Imperial Iranian Navy

Rat 4, Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, Pvt. 1, Rifle Team 4; Rugby 2; Fencing Team 1; No. 1 Club 2; BOHICA Club of 79 2, 1; Ensign 1.

Four hellish years of my life at VMI are over. Thank God (Allah- the Moslem one). All in all, I'm glad that I came to VMI because it's been 143 experiences for me. I'll never forget my BR's and some cadets and will keep my 7 memories forever. It is now time to go back to my country and pay my debts. Thanks to Mom and Dad and my family for what you've done for me, I love y'all. Thank you '76, good luck BR'. Hang in there '82 and make your dykes proud. I'll be back to see you VMI, you better stay alive. Bill, see you one day. Peggy, good luck and don't forget no. 7. I love my morvarid. I can't help it, I'm just a private.

DYKES: 1976: William Charles Ryals
1982: John Edwin Reese, Kevin Richard Wilkerson

William Peter Albro

"Bro, Ski, Skibus, Woodchuck, Brobo"
Auburn, New York
Civil Engineering — Army, Corps of Engineers
A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; Swim Team 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Capt. 1; Water Polo 3, 1; Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1.

To say that I had a lousy time wouldn't be true. I will always remember the fun times and I will probably forget the bad. In any case all that will remain will be the memories and the friendships forged. The following quotation, in my opinion, best exemplifies the members and friends of T. Street:

"It's a shame, those who sacrifice perfection for travel go nowhere slowly, and those who seek perfection at the sake of travel go anywhere instantly."

— Richard Bach, *Jonathan L. Seagull*

I thank you all, especially Bimbo, Dickie, and Greg, for all the experiences and for showing me what friendship is all about. I wish you the best of luck and hope our paths cross many times in the future. And finally, I would like to thank Arnold Jayde, my parents, and family for keeping me in school.

DYKES: 1976, Nick Tarzeia, Boyd Tucker, Bill Brown
1982: John Winkler

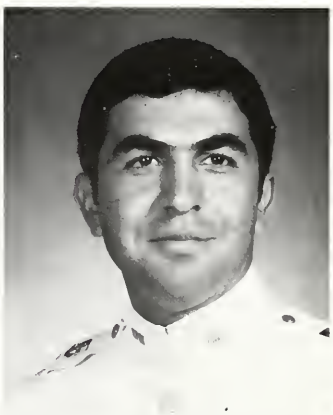
Gholamreza-Daruoysh Alipanah

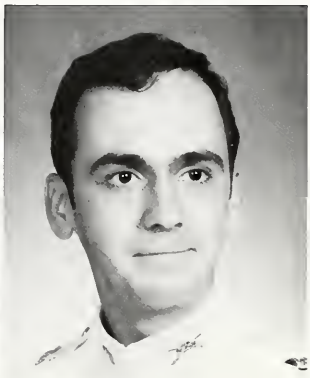
"Abdul, Topol Mopol, C. D."
Tehran, Iran
EE — Imperial Iranian Navy

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Lord High Mystic Ruler of Flying Carpet Drivers Local 22; T.C. 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car 3, 2; Putting up with 22 Crowd 3, 2, 1.

With him we thought Daruoysh was like anyone else. But after 4 years of life with him we have learned that such a statement is far from true. With a unique style of life Daruoysh filled the space of endless time often known to us as our cadet ship with such a buoyant kind of Friendship he will never be far from our hearts. We hope in years to come he will remember laughing after rat sweat parties, the attempts to survive 3rd class year, the night before Ring Figure on the Parade Ground and the mass hysteria of a 14 man room 1st Class year. Sometimes he was intolerable with the anger of a wild bear yet he always bounced back and arguments were settled with his immortal 'S my D for SRC!" Daruoysh, remember us as we remember you! A friend forever! J.B., S.W.D., P.C.J.

DYKES 1976: Gerard Garcia
1982: John S. Fudge, Ajykomar N. Shah





Pedro Alvarez

"Pete, Head Cool, Disco Pete, Dro"
San German, Puerto Rico
History — Armor

Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; NY-NJ Club 3, 2; ISS 2; President ISS 1; Managing Editor 1979 Ring Figure Magazine; 2nd Class Editor 1978 BOMB, Corps Section Editor 1979 BOMB; Weekend Club 2, 1; Procedural Head of TC 2, 1.

How does one sum up four years in 140 words or less? I won't try but I will resurrect a few thoughts. I'm glad it's over! I will graduate a very different person from the one that breezed through Jackson Arch on August 20, 1975. I will remember fondly BRC, Ring Figure Saturday, the Stoop Parades our Third Class year and my position as Procedural Head of the TC (THE HOOK!). I will always treasure the friends I made here and they will always be welcome in my hacienda. Among those great ones are Mule, Smooty, BJ, Nick, Earl, Craig, Smegley, Mouse and Joe. All things considered I would NOT do it again. Much love and thanks goes to my parents for all their help and to my brother, Chuck '80 (Airborne!)

DYKES 1976: Tom Puskas
1982: Elliot Morales

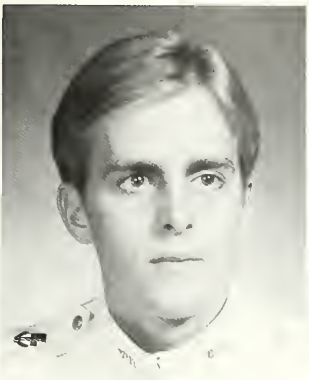
Michael A. S. Anderson

"Scot, Herman, Ando"
Waynesboro, Virginia
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tankers 3, 2, 1; Timmins 4, 3, 2; FS 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 1; PW 2, 1; 02 Club 3, 2, 1; Hai Chai 2, 1; RDC 4; VMI 4 — Anderson 0; Zeppelin Plt. CO. 2, 1.

Aug. 20, 1975
Mar. 7, 1977
May 21, 1977
May 19, 1979

DYKES 1976: Dave Heatwole
1982 Dong Ki Lee



Grady Prince Andrews, Jr.

"Shady Grady, Penguin, Stump"
Williamsburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army (Corps of Engineers)

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Varsity Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I have to say that after being within these walls after four years, I will be very happy to leave. Living at VMI for four years, I have learned to suffer humiliation and accept responsibility. I have met many friends and have a lot of good times. It's been an experience which I hope to never live again. Special thanks go to my family and friends for their guidance and prayers.

DYKES 1976: Gary Varney
1982: Jim Thorton

Phillip Gerard Andrews

"Pint Size, Bowie"
Staunton, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Cross Country 4, 3, 2; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club, Road Trip '79; Mary Wash '78 - '79.

Late for matriculation, started 4 years as a mouseketeer just right. Took 3 years of Barretta to realize parades beat practice and G.P.'s a blast! Rat year — a deep depression, thanks Tom you saved me! 3rd class year — day student. The summer of '76 Cathy stepped in and the big "I" was almost paradise. Second Class — "The Rock," the big weekend that never ended, and Cathy. What else do you need? 1st Class year is here with no more Barretta. GP and FCP — Where's Crozet Hall? Weekends at the Wash., UVa., and Richmond. One endless party. Larry and the "kid" and the rest, the best! Calculus will kill me yet. Me and my babe and my little GT, I hear graduation calling me. Come on '79 let's do it right. I love you Cathy. Goodbye, VMI.

DYKES 1976: Jim Martin
1982: Ed Daniels, Perry Knight

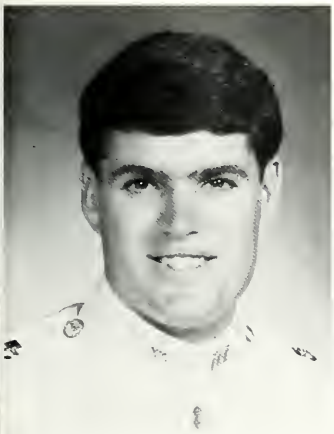
Robert Evans Arnold Jr.

"Bob, Buddy"
Louisville, Kentucky
Physics — Air Force

Prosecutor VMI Honor Court 1; Honor Court Member 2; Vice President of Society of Physics Students 1.

To all my Brother Rats I wish a good and satisfying life, and I leave you with two thoughts: "We should live, act, and say nothing to the injury of anyone. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honor." "Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things, like the old Puritan. You cannot do more, you should never do less."
Written by
General Robert E. Lee
in a letter to his eldest son.

DYKES 1976: Steve Joyce
1982: John Friend, Murray Hudson



John Elliott Arthur V

"Boo-Boo, The Boo, F.M., Pear-Body, Human Sieve,
Swiss Cheese"
Newport News, Virginia
C.E. — Engineers

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Ski Club 2, 1; Lacrosse 2, 1; Football 3, 2; JV Basketball 4, 2, 1; Lodge 4, 3, 2, 1; Lodge President 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

I came to VMI being unsure of what I wanted or what to expect. First semester was going so-so until I fell into the clutches of Rod, Joe, and the Kro. After that, only God knew my destiny. That started the 'reign' of partying and hell raisin' and I haven't stopped yet. One place will always be dear to me and that's The Lodge. There are so many "special" people I want to thank but there's not enough room to name everybody, so I'll just say "thank you guys" for a lot of good times and fun. And last, I want to thank my family for "puttin up" with me (Mike and Kelly too), and without your love and support, I don't know if I could have made it. And Thank you Jessie for always being there. I love you.

DYKES 1976: Gregg D. Jones
1982: David Wagner, John B. Murray

James R. Atkins

"Doobs, Doob-Ba-Roo, Fatboy"
Richmond, Virginia
EE — Corps of Engineers

Cadet Assistant to Sports Information Director 4, 3, 2, 1; Statistician for Southern Conference Basketball Tournament 3, 2, 1; Baseball Mgr. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Football Radio Network 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Monogram Club 1; Cpl. 3.

I came to VMI to face a challenge that no one thought I was capable of tackling. It has been a rough road, but so is life. Hopefully I have prepared myself for my future life, and will be able to handle it thanks to the experience gained from the Mother I. I'd like to thank my parents who have stood beside me these past four years, and who I love more than words can express. I hope that I can make them proud of me. It hasn't been easy, but finally it is over! Thanks to Tom Shupe and Mike Strickler for giving me the opportunity to work with them in the Sports Information Office. It made life here easier. Finally, I'd like to wish all my brother rats good luck, and may God bless everyone of you.

DYKES 1976: Mike Hillsgrove
1982: Mike "Space" Frailer

Dennis Urban Austin III

"Austin"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

A Company Rat XO 1; RDC; Computer Center Assistant;
A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1.

Austin came to VMI from Roanoke for one specific reason: to be a Civil Eegineer. I doubt if anyone has ever gone about getting a C.E. degree in the manner that Austin chose. Women and parties took a hit from this boy as he spent hours upon hours in the concrete lab plugging away at problems over the weekend. However, this is not saying that Mr. Austin did not play an active part in Barracks activities. Are you reading Mr. Dewell? Austin, Dewell, and I were thrown together after a month at VMI and have endured it through a lot of fighting and cigar smoking. How a guy like this can have such a wonderful family with two beautiful sisters is difficult to imagine.

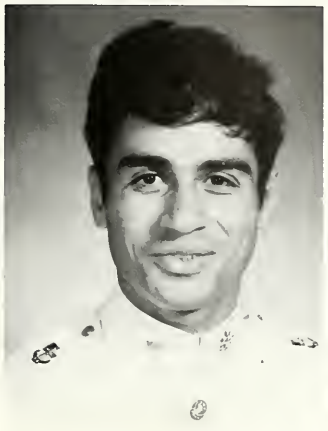
DYKES 1976: Greg Lucado
1982: Tommy Avent

Fred W. Bailey

"Fred, Head, Beatle Bailey, Artist"
Westfield, New Jersey
EE — Artillery

SFYL 4; RFYL 2, 1; Volleyball 3; Judo & Karate Club 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Sub-Culture 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop & Floor 1; Horse Shoe Club, TUCKER STREET.

After realizing that there was no way possible to meet the standards of my alumnus Father, Brother, and grand Uncle; I decided that I must developed myself to meet my own standards at least. Through my cadetship I was tired of hearing that the old corps was tougher. I know my Father has privileges that I didn't have. This place sucks as much as it ever has or ever will.



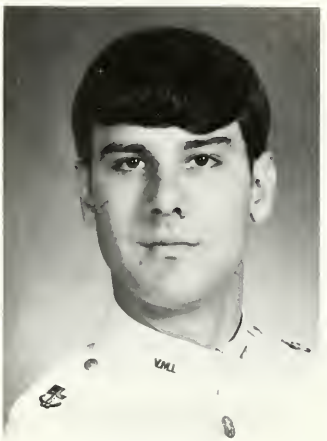
Masoud Bajestani

"Bajetaji, Perfect Body"
Tehran, Iran
Electrical Engineering

RFYL; Weight Training; Soccer 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3.

Never having heard of VMI until six months before he showed up, Masoud was sent to the Institute by the IIN having been told it was a "Good Engineering School". Not only joining the Navy to get his EE degree but to see the world, he has succeeded in the former and knows Roanoke by heart. Bajetaji is really a phantom roomate since 90% of his cadetship he's either been on a weekend, out studying, or taking F.C.P. In four years our budding formula one driver has worn out four cars, not including the 12 week old one he rolled. His Honda 360 still survives. Good luck "Perfect Body" and if there are any speed limits in the Persian Gulf we know you'll break 'em. ABH

DYKES 1976: David Fielder
1982: Joe Ciol



Carl Stanley Ballard Jr.

"Stan"
Midlothian, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3.

There are many people who have helped me during my four years at VMI, but the one who has done it all in my life is Jesus Christ. I thank Him for everything and especially for my family. Mom, Dad, Gi, I can't imagine how much harder it would have been without your love and encouragement. I also thank the Lord for the friendships I've made, especially my Christian friends. My brother, Hank, Kon, Leonard, John, my prayer is that you'll be as faithful to our Lord as he is to you. Just as the Apostle Paul said, "Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." I'm looking forward to the day when we'll all be together again, with our Lord.

DYKES 1976: Lee "Goose" Godsey
1982: John Mathews

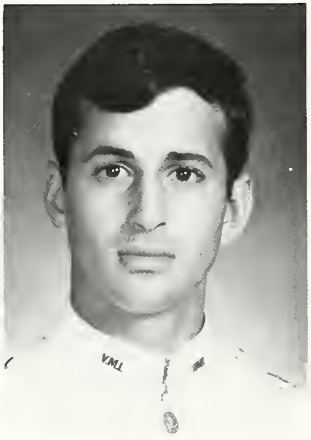
Thomas Peter Baltazar

"C.B., Zar, Balt"
Arlington, Virginia
C.E. — Navy; Army Corps of Engineer

F&S Club; Cell Block 37 3, 4; IMV Stedyek 3, 4, Sweet Briar Trash Committee 4; Student Grotto 1, 2; Ski Club 3; Young Democrats 1, 2, SAME 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Star Climbing Inc. 3; G.D.R.H. 4, 3, 2; New Market March 4; C.M. INC 3, 4.

As a general rule I don't like to write this sort of thing; they tend to remind me of obituaries. However C.B. is anything but dead, just ask any of the Sweet Briar wenches. Tom's ability to blow women away is exceeded only by his talent for getting in fights. Tom is also one of the elite few to make it as a "Double Delt". Because of this and the afore mentioned, I seriously doubt if he will live past thirty — maybe this is an obituary after all. About all I can say to sum this up is that Tom is probably one of the few people to walk through Jackson arch with low morals and to have them remain in the gutter ever since. Good Luck in the future and when is the next TV Party?

DYKES 1976: Rory J. Walsh "Jackhammer"
1982: Russel George Stewart III "Crazy Man", Joel Benefield, Kool Carvel, Pat McClave, Spike



James E. Barger

"Jim, Jimmy"
Hampton, Virginia
Economics

Pvt 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Number One Club; Young Economist Club.

It began as a cloud burst into room 473. To my surprise, my brother was there! I learned how to throw oranges pretty well in room 361. Frank, Waldo, V.B. Rooster, Mac, all the Bama's even double-wide. On the way down to 261. Many good times together at "gig-control". Had Chester, B.D. and Nike, Midnight runs to Tech, many *close* calls but no regrets. Kathryn, you are great!
P.S. Please! "Jobie One, you must help save our people!"

DYKES 1976: Bill Neal
1982: Gordon Hammock, Guy Thone

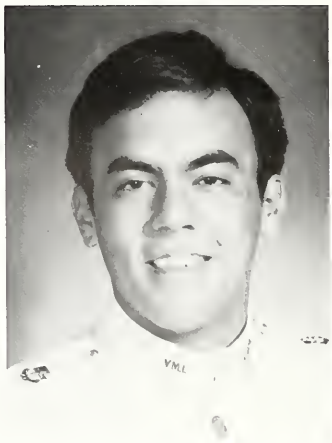
Rudolph Joseph Bartol

"RJ, JR, Bag a Bones, Lotrab"
Chester, Virginia
EE — Army Corps of Engineer

Cross Country 4; Indoor Track 4; Outdoor Track 4; Fire Fighters 3, 2; Orienteering Club 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; TCFC Mug Committee 2; Dean's List 4; DMS; Circle K Club 1.

VMI started as a surprise for me when I found out that there was more to the place than just being "a small school with a lot of spirit." My Rat year was spent either running around the track or shooting the breeze in my dyke's room. The Third Class year was spent sucking it up from my subjects and my roommates. My last two years were spent with three roommates who possessed entirely different personalities. How could I ever forget Zirkle, Dukie and Wild Dick. Those last two years were when I learned how to make the best of VMI. Things and people I will never forget: AOB Stewart; Permit King; Studious Keen; the shoot-down with "what's her name"; room 324; Ring Figure; collapsed lung; the bayonet; the guardian angel; Jay; my parents, grandparents, and Debbie.

DYKES 1976: Andy Stewart
1982: Jay Freeman



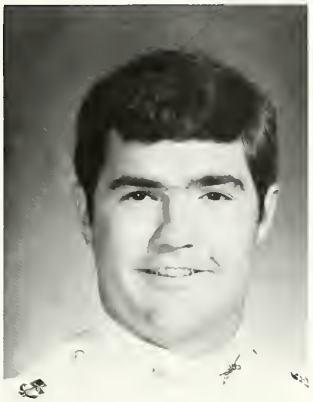
Reza Barzegarian

"Reza, Jason, Raz, Ahab the Arab"
E.E. — N.S.

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Number One Club 2; Ghetto 2, 1; Subcultural Comm. 3, 2, 1; Karate 4, 3; Tulloh Gang 1; Rum Truckers 4, 3, 2, 1; OTL 4, 3, 2, 1.

Reza came to VMI as a rat with just one minor problem, he couldn't chew gum. But then when his tongue was able to wrap itself around English and French things exploded. With a bevy of girls surrounding him all the time, he made quite a hit. You could never forget his stunning Firebird and the long-haired wig, combined with his moustache. Heads turned when he went to church and sat near a Tac who never recognized him. But Lady Luck deserted him in a little town near Lexington where he was recognized and consequently joined the Number One Club. But this did not stop his commissioning as an Ensign in the Imperial Iranian Navy. Reza could sleep in any position and went to bed as often as possible. Good Luck Reza and keep it up.

DYKES: 1976 Bill Toney
1982 Bob Bayne



Richard William Bates

"Doc"
Harrison, Ohio
Biology — Armor

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Honor Court 2, 1; Field 49 3, 2, 1; DMS; Ski Club; Regimental Band; Room of Gloom 3, 2, 1.

The four years are coming to an end. The school years went fast, the summers even faster. I've met a lot of great people: Schlick, Bogg, Higgs, House, Wingding, Ritz, Pope, Mean Green, Wild Man, Poff, Birdman, Jeffy, Mike, Peels, that made the big "I" easier. It was rough keeping the "Room of Gloom" from being too gloomy, but the addition of Wingding made it easier for me. Thanks Mom and Dad, Betsy, Sara, Rob, my grandparents, and all of my relatives and friends for helping me out. Thanks to the Grists, who made me feel at home in Lexington. Who knows what the future brings? As Mom says, "Everything will work itself out for the best." Remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

DYKES: Charlie Aycock
Wade Foltz

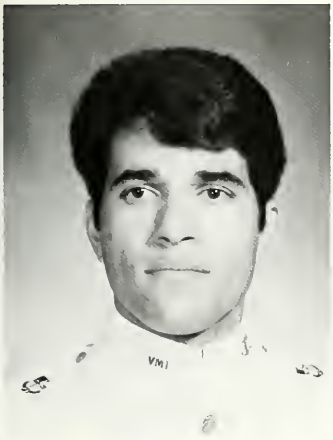
Ben M. Bauman II

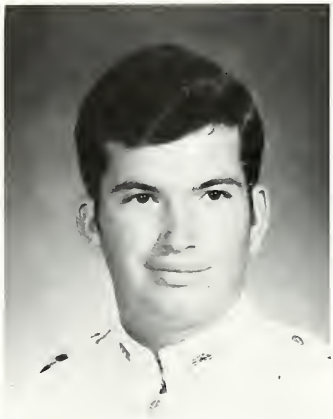
"Big Ben, Killer Hawk, Lizardman"
Harrison, Virginia
CE — Army Armor

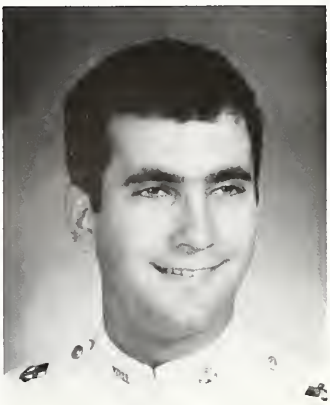
Tanker Platoon 2, 1; Same 4; Militaria Society 4, Sec. 3, Treas. 2, Pres. 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 1; AUSA 2, 1; MBC raid 2; Hash's Gross Bodies 3, 1; Dear John Society 2, 1.

Ben was thrown into a room full of strangers on that fateful August day, not knowing what to expect or fear. Ben quickly learned what to expect of himself and what others expected of him. He adapted well and feared little. Through perseverance Ben has more than succeeded in attaining these goals, becoming an "object of honest pride" to all — especially me. As fledgling CE's, Ben was a source of inspiration to me. We became very close; both CE's, Rat training together, and Brother Rats forever. One thing I have to give you credit for — if anyone knows how to enjoy himself when it's really needed it's you. Yet, you always got your work done. I'll never figure out how! Best of luck in the future BR.

DYKES: 1976: Richard B. Hayes
1982: Gregory Picklesimer







Jeffrey Scott Beeby

"Snake, P.W.-2, Missing Link, Ape Man"
Norfolk, Virginia
EE — Navy

IEEE 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Radio Club 3, 2, 1; BSu 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Newspaper Staff 3, 2, 1; BOMB Photographer 1; "Big Boys" Club 4, 3, 2, 1; P.W. Club 2, 1; VMI Sentinels 4; BSU Folk Team 4, 3; Barracks Sound Tech. 1; Cadet Asst. 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee.

It has been a long, hard road over the past four years. Jeff has taken everything in stride as well as anyone I know. There are few who have given of themselves as much as Jeff. Active in more organizations than I can count on my H.P. I still have not figured out how he finds time to study. Official study hours start only after taps — by law, number one of the "Big Boys Club". I think his motivation comes from North Carolina — and a very pretty young lady she is. Jeff will make a good leader and I'm looking forward to working with him in J.T.&B. Charter memberships include: The Big Boys Club, P.W. Incorporated, and Snake Unlimited. CTF

DYKES: 1976: Rick Radtke
1982: Grey Hagwood, Jeff Worley

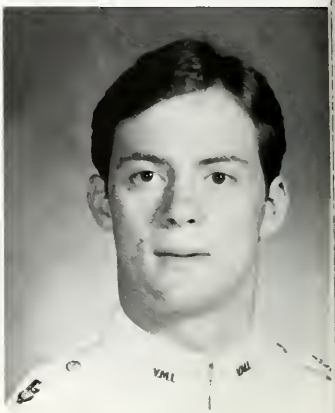
Joe Benda

"Benda Bear, Animal"
Warrenton, Virginia
EC — Army Armor

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 2, 1; Rack President 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Court President; The abuse society — inflicted by Karen (adul) Suthard.

I would like to say that I came to VMI as a challenge by those who thought I couldn't hack it. However I have enjoyed the times with my BR's and especially with my roommates. I would also like to say thanks to some very special people in my life who have helped me endure these four years in this hole. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to my parents. Also to John and Bev for their understanding and guidance. I say thanks to my roommates for their great friendship. Finally to my Dyke Mark, now I can tell you to suck it up. You and my family are tops, especially Fran, whom I really have great respect for.

DYKES: 1976: Rick Tufaro
1982: Mark Sofia



WILLIAM T. BERSSON

"Bill, Beer-son, Willy, Loudspeaker"
Falls Church, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army, Corps of Engineers

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 4, 3, Sec. 2, Pres. 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; O.G.A. 1.

Bill came to VMI knowing exactly what to expect thanks to his older brother's luck in attending the same school. He had no trouble that first week and even got a dyke just because of the length of his hair. He had a very different assortment of roommates that first year and ended up rooming with two of them for the rest of his service to the Institute. Things went smoothly for the next few years until the completion of 2nd class year when he was ordered to play Army for 6 weeks. Bill didn't know what was going to happen, but soon ran into Artie, Bill-Bro, and BillyMac. Willy and the guys found a true home down at Fort Bragg. Yes, Willie's Bar enjoyed their company for many nights. Bill, enjoy the real world!

DYKES: 1976: Rich Mathews
1982: Mike Santa Barbera

Larry Wayne Betz

"Harold Huh, Betz!!!, Larry Larry Betz"
Baltimore, Maryland
Biology — Field Artillery

Football 4; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighters 2; Dean's List 2; Private 4, 3; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Pre-Med Society 3.

Arriving at the Institute Larry met the supreme test of his life — and passed. Not even this dreary atmosphere has stilled his genuine love for life, and nature. The outdoors and activities associated with them have captivated Larry, and it is here, especially with those creatures of the female sex, that we find him.

Rising up through the rank structure and playing lacrosse has not kept Larry from pursuing his studies. He has brought his grades up every year and will hopefully achieve his goal of getting into medical school. This progression just typifies Larry's determination to achieve the goals he sets for himself. I know he will succeed at whatever he attempts, as he has succeeded in winning my undying friendship.

DYKES 1976: Ken Williams
1982: Frank Rosenthal III

Charles Frederick Billingsley

"Chuck, Bunga-Head"
Hopewell, Virginia: Kepone Capital Of The World
Chemistry — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Swim Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo Club 3, 2, 1; President and Secretary of Water Polo Club 2, 1.

What can one say at the end of VMI? Just its finally over. I want to thank my friends and family for the good times I'll always remember. I especially want to thank Mom and Pop for their unending love, devotion, and encouragement, without it I'd be lost. To the number one person in my life I want to say thanks for being there when I needed you. We're on our own now crazy.

"If a rock falls on your head, that is clearly painful; but shame, disgrace, and curses hurt only so far as they are felt. What isn't noticed isn't troublesome. So long as you allaud yourself what harm are the hisses of the world? And folly is the only key to happiness."

DYKES 1976: Charles Aycock
1982: Charlie Kirchmier

Charles Joseph Biviano

"Biv, Mario, Bivouac-Biv!"
Hammond, New Jersey
English — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmins Music Society 4, 3, 2, Vice Pres. 1; Militaria Society 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Toga Club '67.

"The only kid from Hammonton" who sought education in the sunny, friendly old South far from his Italian grouping in Jersey. Thus Biv arrived at VMI in '75 bringing with him his social graces and a profound interest in the arts, especially Tchaikovsky. Certainly everyone who has been close to Charles will never forget his hilarious explanations of many "faux pas" of his superiors when the pressure was the greatest. Biv found his place with the classy club of '67 in his second class year here, and rounded out the most elegant trio in barracks. There he belonged, and there he remained, forming a close friendship with his pals. Best wishes to you "Mario," in your future endeavours.

— your roommates
T.A.C., G.O.T.

DYKES 1976: Jake Berberich
1982: Erik France

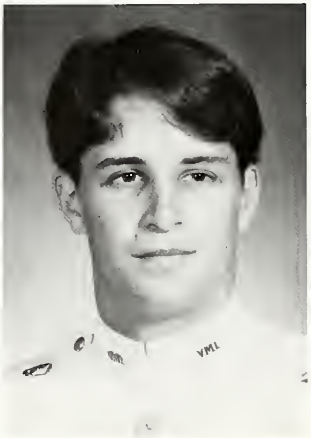
John Charles Blake Jr.

"Disco Blako, Ghetto Champ"
Daleville, Virginia
C.E. — Navy

Head Football Manager 4, 3, 2; ASCE 4, 3, 2; Regimental S-5 Staff 4.

As Blako rolled into the Big "I" on a summer breeze, he earned his nickname during his Rat year. The summer breeze turned into a turbulent storm, but "Disco" rode it out until the break of dawn. During his cadetship, you could find Blako anywhere on post helping Henry Johnson with the football team, blowing Uncle Bob's horn at the games, chasing dogs off the football field, or taking all challengers in wrestling matches in room 442. Finally, his claim to fame came upon the Backroom, Foxes' Den, 16 West, and Opening Hops '78. "Good Luck Class of '79." We will never pass this way again.

DYKES 1976: David Fielder, Henry Johnson
1982: Clayton Killinger



James Edward Blank

"Jim, Joe, Crank, Crook-Nose, Board-Face"
Bellevue, Washington
History — Artillery

Wrestling 4, 3, 2; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Born Losers 2, 1; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 2, 1; Fire Fighters 2.

After rooming with "Joe" (Private Joke . . . something to do with the brown color of his nose) for our last three years, there is so much I could say. I first became acquainted with Jim our Rat year when he would regularly use me to dust off the wrestling mats in Cocke Hall. (No more Jim . . . sorry about the knees!). We hit it off well from then on and have spent three long years and a lot of memories as roommates. Who could forget our 3rd Class year with Reo and all our battles. As 2nds, we lost (?) Kirk and picked up a wayward wait that we have come to know as "Rotten Ralphie" alias Skip. Well we've been together since, through good times and bad and it looks as if we'll graduate in spite of ourselves. Good Luck with Lynae and Jim, we wish you all the best. CTC

DYKES 1976: Mark Swank
1982: Larry Williams

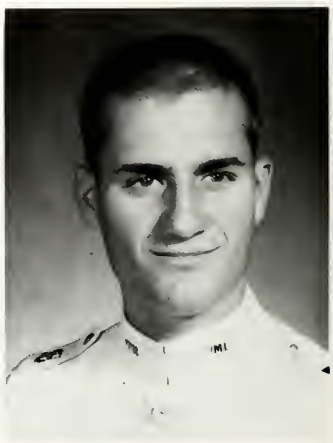
Edward F. Bodling

"Ed"
Arlington, Virginia
History — Infantry

Airborne School; Ranger School; RDC President 1.

I'd like to thank my family for all of its love and support. To my Brother Rats and the Corps, I will always be loyal.

DYKES 1976: Ray Beasley
1982: The Rat Class



Joseph Bonsignore, Jr.

"Joe, Rock & Roll Joe, Opie, Clouseau"
Woodbridge, Virginia
CH — USMC

Cross Country 4; Track 4; Lacrosse 3, 2, 1; VMI Theater 3, 2; College Republicans 3, 2, 1; Pvc. 4, 2, 1; Guidon Bearer 2, 1; ACS 1; Pres. T.C. 3, 2, 1; Sports Car Club President 1; Sound Tech. at the Library 3, 2; Rock & Roll Star 4, 3, 2, 1.

Who ever heard of a 6'2" lb. Marine who wanted to be a Rock & Roll star? Joe is one of a kind. A Prepie Marine? Lacoste cammies? His taste in music has never failed to amaze us. Especially at 3:00 AM. We will never forget the night Joe commissioned himself or the infamous Marine check formation he missed. He never even was a cheerleader. How he kept his sanity living with four pencilneck rankers we'll never know. But Joe was probably the sanest among us all. The consideration that he showed us all when we were involved in work or his willingness to help us is something we've always appreciated.
G.D.A., S.W.D., P.C.J., C.A.M.

DYKES: 1976: Ray Harrell
1982: Jay Larry, Steve Levan

Robert Michael Bookmiller

"Book, Bob, Bookbrain, Bubba, Surly Old Gramps"
Eighty Four, Pa.
CE — Army Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Tri-Captain 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 1; Class Treasurer; DMS; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

Life at VMI is truly what you make of it. For some it is good but for some it is bad. My stay at VMI was good thanks to the people I have met. Life wouldn't have been the same without Ed and Al around. I would also like to thank the Gold Coast Gang and all other friends who so greatly contributed to my stay here. Special thanks to Mom and Dad. Their help and support have always been greatly accepted. Of course life at the Institute would just not have been possible without Carol. I would like to thank her for four years of love and understanding that virtually made VMI seem worthwhile. Last of all, I would like to thank VMI for all it has given me.

DYKES: 1976: Barry Ratliff
1982: Austin Beckham, Jeff Roseme

Pirooz Borojerdi

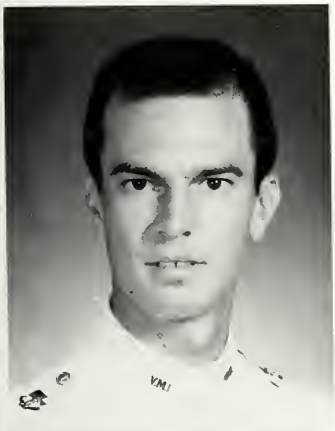
"Prouse, Brouse, B"
Agha-Jari, Iran
Civil Engineering — Navy

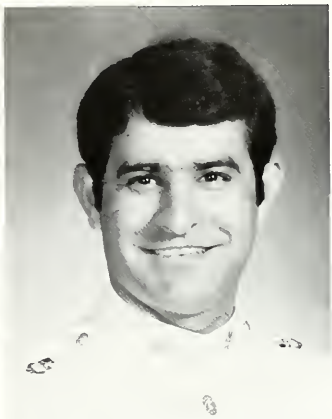
Soccer 4, 3, 2; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; ISC 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

Pirooz came to VMI not knowing what to expect; however, he quickly adapted to the American way of life. Fast cars, nice clothes, and beautiful girls were his trademark throughout his four years here. His easygoing, good-natured attitude has won him many friends. Always one to have a good time, Pirooz has spent many a weekend carousing in Roanoke, only to get a speeding ticket on his way home to avoid confinement. Also, how can we forget his never ending presence at Summer School, retaking courses he had already passed for some unknown reason.

Yes, Pirooz has definitely left his mark on VMI, Virginia, and the U.S. in general. We will surely miss you, and know that you will be one of our resources once the oil runs out. Best of luck.
RBR

DYKES: 1976: Nick Tarzia
1982: Sebastion De Angelis





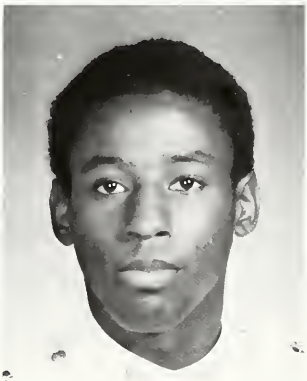
Robert Aaron Bowling

"Bob, Beehead, Lucky"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 1; Baldwin raid — Spring '77 version.

On a hot morning in August 1975, Bob walked into Jackson Arch with other hopefuls and read that "You may be whatever you resolve to be." He resolved to become a graduate. Under the able guidance of his dyke, parents, and Colonel Dillard, he survived the rat year and returned for the following one with stripes. The third class year was a turbulent one as Bob struggled with the CE curriculum, and it was not until his second class year that he discovered Sunday afternoon parties. Trading grey wool for khaki and oxford, he often made the trips to the various girl's schools on Sunday to party with the ladies, and his smile broadened as the road trips increased and graduation approached. With graduation in the future, the resolution seems to have become reality and his smile grows wider still.

DYKES: 1976: Chip Deyerle
1982: Forrest "Foghorn" Felvey



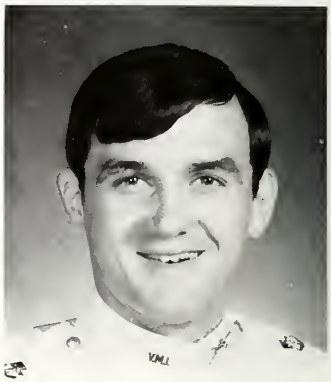
Timothy Karseem Bridges

"Tee Kay, Stretch, Gazelle, Feature"
Upper Marlboro, Md.
C.E. — Air Force

Indoor Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Spring Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Track Team Capt. 2, 1; Activities Chairman — ASCE 1; New Cadet Cadre 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Band Co.; Club "Promaji" 3, 2, 1, Sec.-Treas. 3, Vice Pres. 2; Class Ring Design Committee 3; Glee Club 4.

In this brief space and for an everlasting moment, I would like to thank God, my parents, and all who have helped me for all that I am, for all that I have, and for all that I have experienced. I've found little reward in doing something easy or average. The world is full of average people I'm not impressed and I don't want to be considered just an average man. I hope I have helped someone, somewhere, and ask forgiveness from those I may have hurt. I wish all of those who have decided to make their lives dynamic and fulfilling much luck. I ask that God be as good to them as he has been to me. Later and Love
. . . Tee Kay

DYKES: 1976: Glen Cox '71'
1982: William Strickland, Jr.



Ralph William Briggs

"Skip, Rotten Ralphie"
West Mifflin, Pa.
History — Armor

Rugby 4, 3; AUSA 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Acad. Dist.; DMS; Pvt 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; A Co. Rat Training XO.

After rooming with this man for one year and next to him for three, there is only one thing I can say which describes Briggsy to the tee. When he came, he wanted the military. Now, three years later, his aspirations have yet to change (like so many others). Not making his mark in the so-called rank system at VMI, Ralph has surpassed much menial titles and received recognition as a Distinguished Military Student. Along with this, Ralph has taken friendly abuse. Because of his jovial personality, we know he is able to take it as well as dish it out with the best. P.S. See you at camp. Super Summer '79. GRM

DYKES: 1976: Mike Martino
1982: Jerry Walker

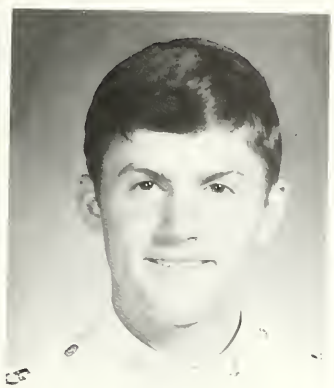
Raymond Thomas Bright

"Midget Assistant, Red, Bright, Goon Head, Jar Head, Marine"
Muenster, Texas
CE — Marine Corps

SAME 2, 1; Track 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Marathoner 2, 1; Marine Detachment 3, 2, 1; RDC — Secretary 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1.

Tom arrived at VMI from Texas and the home of Muenster cheese. Muenster already had two members in the corps, who just happened to be his brothers. Tom first appeared to me, to be like a Wild Man from Borneo, with his wild rages during track practice. Tom gave up track but not his rages. Textbooks, calculators, door panels, and pens were his victims. Since pulling Tom in off the stoop for two years, there have been many memorable times. Tom worked hard for Ac Stars, Max PT Tests, and marathons. The real reason Midget-Assistant is a Marine is because it gave him a challenge. Well Tom, life will be a challenge now, but with your persistence you'll win out. Thanks Tom for the help you gave me. JCM

DYKES 1976: David M. Bright
1982: Kevin Shay



John Alphus Brown Jr.

"J.B., Mackerel, Brown, Brrown"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
CE — Navy

Cpl. 3; Mst. 2; Regimental S-4 1; ASCE 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1.

Though at times the days seemed to pass like weeks I now look back on the four years I've spent at VMI and wonder how did it all go by so fast? My "Rat-tie" days were the longest days of my life, with the Ratline dragging on endlessly But then there was Breakout and the pride of becoming a member of the OLD Corps. As a nothing Third the academics grew harder and there was little time to oneself. As a Second Classmen, nothing seemed more important than getting that Class ring. Now as a member of the First Class I am anxiously awaiting one more very important day in my life at VMI, 19 May 1979.

To my friends and family, I thank you for your inspiration, your help and guidance, and most of all for your love.

DYKES 1976: Carrington McVeigh
1982: Steve Dobler

Kevin Dwight Brown

"K. D."
Morrisville, Pennsylvania
Chemistry — Navy (Nuclear Power)

SCUBA Club 4, 3; Navy Pistol Team 3; Rat Training 4, 1; American Chemical Society 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 2, 1; Summer Cruise 3.5, 2.5, 1.5.

When a man declares.
"Who am I to know?"
He is declaring "Who am I to live?"
Ayn Rand, from *Atlas Shrugged*
"Where things won't be better, they will be worse;
and from bad to good again is not far."
Mikhail Lermoutov, From *Taman*

DYKES 1976: Rick North, Steve Allen, Greg Speaker
1982: Jim McCrary

Edward Leigh Buck

"Babyface, Hairy Buns, Puppy Eyes, Elvis"
Wayne, Pa.
Economics — Artillery

Sleep Club, Vice Pres.; Rosie Palm Club; Rugby Club 2, 1; RDC, Pvt., Cpl., Mst. Sgt., Pvt.

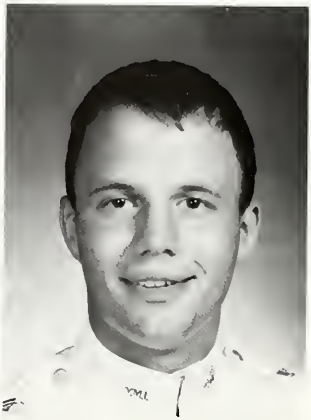
An unknown philosopher once wrote: "When the going gets tough, go to sleep." Ed has proudly mastered this tidbit of knowledge. If there's work to be done, Ed will sleep on it.

One day, Puppy arose from the rack just long enough to fall in love. Congratulations Jan, you're his 1st and only success. From saber bearing Pvt. to pseudo-southerner, Ed falls alseep halfway through everything.

But, be on the alert! A strange creature, while remaining in the prone, emerges from the depths. It's a rare species: Kind, sentimental, concerned about life. What could it be? Wow, a best friend! Thanks, hairy creature! K.L.L.

Mom, Dad, it was my decision. Thank you for your love and guidance. Janice, you're my hope and happiness. E.L.B.

DYKES: 1976: John "Ground Hog Slayer" Dorsey
1982: Ralph Taber



Michael Joseph Budler

"Smedly"
Plainfield, Illinois
English — USMC

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2 Lt. 1; Cadre 2, 1; Billing Officer, VMI cadet 3, 2, 1; Nostalgia Columnist 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3.

Writing someone's first class history is a trying experience. How do you capture the accomplishments of four years in one small paragraph? When you are writing about Mike, this problem intensifies. His cadetship can be summed up in one word: Motivated. Mike persevered through rat year, shoes and brass ablaze. As an upperclassman, he was constantly a terror to the rats and academically proficient. Mike has made himself tough to find in barracks: running endless miles, caving deep into the earth and drinking gallons of devil booze. This is how Mike occupied himself through as a Third and a Second classman. We wish you fair seas, following winds. Semper Fi Smed.

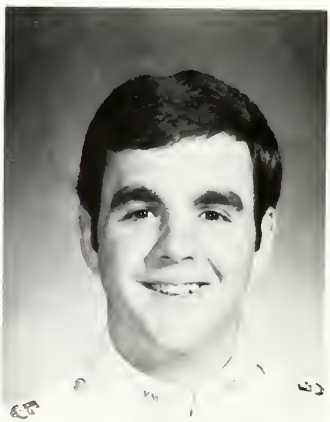
DYKES: 1976: Chip Burnette
1982: Steve Varga

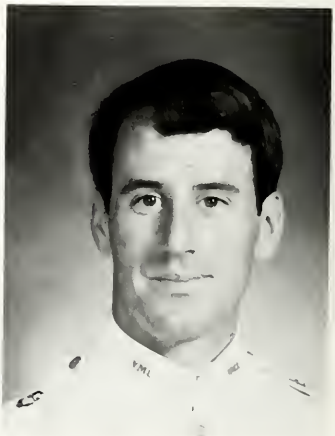
Ronald Keith Burner

"Ron, Burn Baby, Ronaldo, Mad Dad"
North Olmsted, Ohio
Ch — Navy

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue Ocean — roll! Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain; Man marks the earth with ruin — his control Stops with the shore; upon the watery plain The wrecks are all thy deed, nor doth remain A shadow of man's ravage, save his own, When, for a moment, like a drop of rain, He sinks into thy depths with bubbling groan, Without a grave, unknelled, uncoffined, and unknown.

His steps are not upon thy paths — thy fields Are not a spoil for him — thou dost arise And shake him from thee; the vile strength he wields For earth's destruction thou dost all despise, Spurning him from thy bosom to the skies, And send'st him, shivering in thy playful spray And howling, to his Gods, where haply lies His petty hope in some near port or bay, And dashest him again to earth — there let him lay." George Gordon





Bradley David Burns

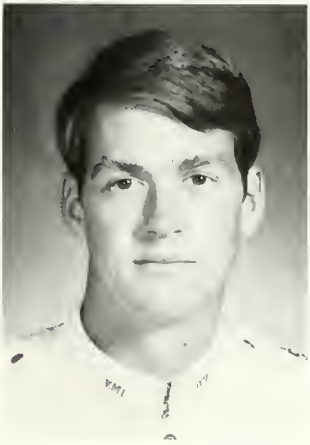
"Brad, B.D."
Alexandria, Virginia
Economics — Civilian

Outlaws; Gladiators I, II; 1st Class Rep. Athletic Council; Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1; Powers H.S. 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Economists 2, 1; Cadet Circulation Staff 1; Root Cellar 3½, 2, 1.

It all began on August 20, 1975 and hopefully will end May 20, 1979. Through these four years I have made some great friends which without them VMI would have been unbearable. I want to say good luck to all the Ghetto Gang, my roomies, and anybody I have left out. You all have been a great bunch of guys.

Most of all I would like to thank my parents for putting me through school and hopefully someday I will be able to pay you back . . . someway.

DYKES 1976: Jim Hobbs
1982: Chuck Fanshaw



James Edward Burton IV

"Jeb, Zeb"
Altavista, Virginia
CE — Corps of Engineers

Honor Court 1; OGA 1; Posit Committee 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Chairman, ASCE Seminar 1; Ghetto Club 2, 1; HBI 1; Nocturnal Road Trip Society 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Jeb came to VMI as the All-American kid that everybody's mother would love to have. It wasn't until early in his second class year when he discovered the nearby girl's schools that the real Jeb emerged as a true partier. His "I'm ready, let's go" enthusiasm led to many block running road trips in the "Big Lick Express" where the good times rolled. The wild times and hell raising episodes are too numerous to begin to mention, except for his knack for leaving roommates on park benches at 3:30 in the morning. On the serious side, a more sincere or harder working person would be hard to find. Jeb's friendship is an invaluable asset especially to me and the many people that know him. WPH

DYKES 1976: Mike Hamlet
1982: Mitch Heischman

William Michael Burton

"Mikey, Jelly Head, Burton"
Roanoke, Virginia
C.E. — Engineering

Track 4, 3, 2; Rugby 1; Pervert Corner 3; Number One Club Vice President, 150 Yacht Club 1; Ruby Begonia Fan Club 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Boxing Assistant 3, 2; Timber Ridge Hunt Club 1; Mary Baldwin Raid 2.

There was always a lot to do and think about, it sure wasn't all good, but we made enough good times and that more than covered for the bad. Coming to VMI was really a change and things kept on changing even if it wasn't always that obvious. I hope the education was real; if not, at least the people were and always will be. Who could have lived through (much less forget) ole blue, concourse munch sessions, summer school, waiting for the stick, road trips, timber ridge, and all the other stuff that happened everyday. For those of us who stayed (Eddie) and those who took a vacation (Bud), we can finally stop wondering why we're here because it will all be history.

DYKES 1976: Rory (Tokyo Joe) Walsh
1982: Bill Towler, Keldall Avery

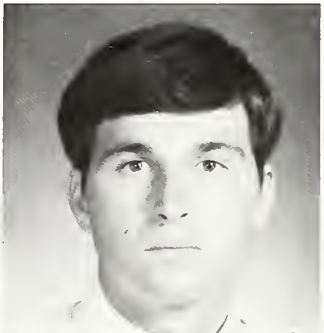
Burley Byrd

"Byrd"
Smithfield, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Civilian

Manager Soccer; Pep Band; Manager Lacrosse; Manager Basketball; Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistant; Society of American Military Engineers; Treasurer American Society of Civil Engineers; Promaji.

My four years here at the "I" can best be described in the words of this poem:
"Where the Rainbow Ends"
There's going to be a place, brother
Where the world can sing all sorts of songs,
And we're going to sing together, brother
You and I, though you're white and I am not.
It's going to be a sad song, brother
Because we don't know the tune
And it's a difficult tune to learn
But we can learn, brother
You and I
There's no such tune as a black tune
There's no such tune as a white tune
There's only music, brother
Where the Rainbow Ends. By J.M.B.

DYKES 1976: Carl Opel
1982: Jerome E. Williams



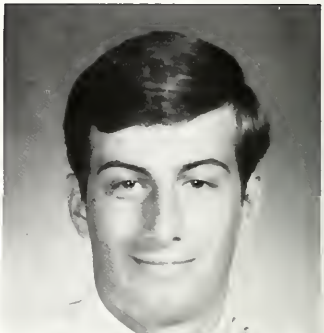
Mark Edward Byrd

"Byrdman, Worley Bird, Byrdnejad, J.T. Baby"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics — Armor

"Moe the Kangaroo" 1; Capt. IMV Stedyek 2, 1; Fraternal Order of BMF 2; Cell Block 37 3, 2, 1; IHSN Club 4, 3, 2, 1; FITAS Rack Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

The name Mark Byrd, synonymous with the "Age of the Fifties", Anheuser-Busch Inc. and the notorious phrase "B.R. let me borrow some —". Bacardi, Bud and Broads have filled a majority of Mark's social affairs. These include many hard times, such as The Glasgow Expedition, which led back to barracks with a quick blow. This led to a new concept — "Yank". Cell Block 37 will never be the same! As president of the Fat Pigs Foundation, the "Dun-Lop" disease has never impaired his lucid pelvic actions. Emulating the J.T. fifties dance style, he lets it all hang out on the stage and in the "Roo 2" suit. Academically, Mark possesses the inherent ability to read and masterfully write full length reports on any subject in only one night. Mark's sensitivity towards others makes him one of the best Brother Rats in barracks.

DYKES 1976: Rocky Glass
1982: John "Cool" Carvil, Chuck "Spike"



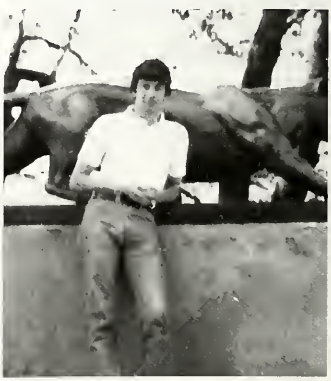
Richard Grant Cadugan

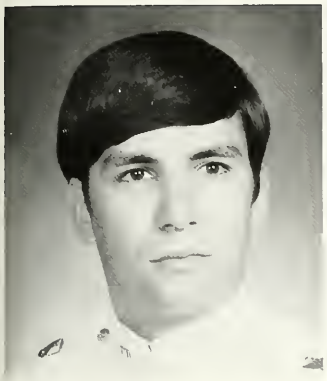
"Dukie, Rick, the FAH, Doogie"
Wethersfield, CT
Economics — Army Armor

Private 4, 2, 1; Student 3; Football 4; Wrestling 4; Lafayette College Rifle Team 3; Dean's List 4, 2; Academically Distinguished 2; DMS, Illegal Car Club 2; VMI Sports Car Club 1; "Duke" the Kangaroo 2, 1; The VMI Cadet Newspaper — Sports Writer 2, 1; Circulation Staff 1; Publications Board Meritorious Service Award as Columnist — the VMI Cadet 2; PW Club 4, 3, 2.

Rick had an illustrious career at VMI. He came here saying youse guys and left saying ya'll. During third class year, he did what we all wanted to do sometime, he left for college. After just a year's absence at Lafayette and frat life, he returned. Second class forays were made in his MGB, top down until well after the first snowfall. Academics consumed much of second class year, but with the stars firmly in place the stage was set for FCP. FCP was a way of life, with Zirkle, Skyman, RJ and trips to neighboring colleges. He was last seen leaving VMI with top down, hair blowing, and glass of Chivas in hand. Dukie, don't ever slow down!

DYKES 1976: Paul Parker
1982: Louis Rossil





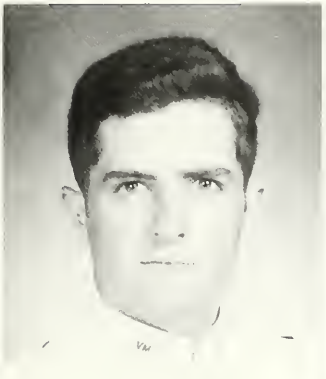
Charles Travis Callaway, Jr.

"Travis, Gook, Wild-Man"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Infantry

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 2; AUSA 2, 1; Dean's List 3; Born Losers 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Military Student.

After rooming with "The Gook" for three years, make that four, we may as well have roomed together Rat year; we saw each other so often. I think I can honestly say there are not two closer friends in the world. He had a little trouble with demerits the first two years of our residency together, due to all night poker games, fireworks, sleeping through classes; I'll quit now, the list is endless. He never had any trouble with the opposite gender. If things got rough "The Wench" was always there. He's decided innumerable times he was leaving this place, and once he even got the paperwork done, but it looks like he'll graduate (at this writing, he still hasn't passed Calculus). Well, Good Luck in the future, I doubt you'll need it, you're made of it! JEB

DYKES 1976: Kevin Pardus
1982: Dan Garcia, Ted Huffman



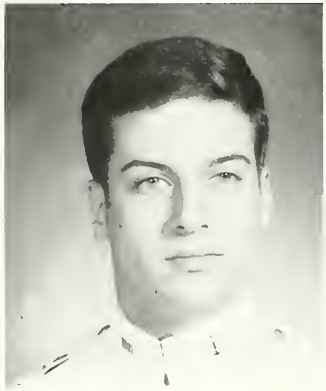
John James Carty Jr.

"John, J.J., Cahty, Jage, Brother"
West Roxbury, Massachusetts
History — Infantry

Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Rat Training Company 1; Vice President of AUSA 1; Tanker Platoon 2, 1; Carty's Heroes, Budler's Battalion 2, 1; CWRT 1; RFYL 4, 3; Weight Training 2; Ranger Platoon 4; PX Cowboys 4, 3, 2, 1; Billing Officer, VMI Chicken Pox 1.

Brother Carty, words that will ring in our minds for years to come. He is a man to whom the Army is the only life and the M-1 the only weapon. Having an appreciation for firearms and beer he is well qualified for his profession. Ever since the man from Boston cruised into 488 with a disdain for everything not of Massachusetts he has proceeded to fix himself in the hearts of many, including the infamous "Carty's Heroes". Between the "plague" guard team and hours spent on the rifle range, we've been through the best and worst of times. Assuming he lives through the 1st class year without getting nailed for unauthorized firearms, the Army will be getting a fine officer. J.J., you are one of a kind and we salute you.

DYKES 1976: Maury Gatewood
1982: Josh H. Goewey



Henri Gordon Chase

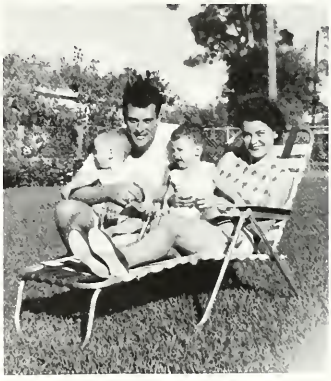
"Hank, Junior, Homo, Beach"
Kilmarnock, Virginia
C.E. — Navy

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Corp. 3; Regt. Sgt. 2; Cadet Captain 1; Pvt. 4, Adjutant 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Treas. 3; V. Pres. 2; Pres. 1; Swim Team 4; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1.

There is a verse that was shared with me during a period of grief that I would like to share with those precious few who will know it is intended for them:

". . . You must know that I should not love you half so well, if I did not believe you would be my friend to eternity . . . There is not room enough for friendship to unfold itself in full bloom in such a nook of life as this. Therefore I am, and must, and will be, yours forever."

DYKES 1976: Conrad Neuf
1982: Chuck Kause



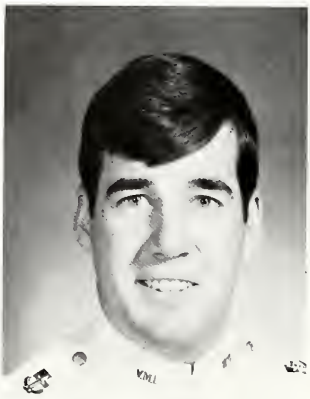
Mark Ferguson Cheek

"Waddles, Stump, Rip-Slack"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force R.O.T.C. Pilot Candidate

Varsity Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Letterman 2; President A.C.S. 1; Energy Symposium Participant and Escorts Committees 1; College Republicans 2.

In the summer of 1975 Mark left Richmond and headed for a small German village behind the gates of Busch Gardens. With a beer in one hand a girl in the other, Mark danced his way through the summer at the local Oktoverfest and became the King of the German Folk Dance. In August he took off one uniform only to step into another. The Institute took his curls, but he kept his girls, beer, and dancing ability. Indeed, Mark has danced his way through the Institute like none other. Mark was born a winner; he even won the room 128 Waist Watcher's Contest as he watched his grow bigger than anyone else's. Ein, Zwei, Drei, G'sutta! Good luck Mark! I know that somewhere there is a small German village waiting for a dentist, a pilot, or even a chemist!

DYKES: 1976: Melvin Williams, Kenneth Harbin, Simon Radomskyj
1982: Kent Higginbotham, Christopher Eichmon



David John Choplinski

"Chops, Bitchdog"
Sparkill, New York
CE — Special Forces, USMC Ret.

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1; Powerless 2, 1; LaCrosse 3; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Number 1 Club.

"From the Halls of Kappa Gamma Alpha Sigma, Etcetera, To the shores of L.A. Beach;" Chops was always there. How he survived Rat Year is nothing short of a miracle, as he built an interstate between VMI and the W&L frats (with a by-pass to Hollins). But with the passing of the old wife and the terror of graduation, or rather no graduation, Chops dedicated himself to . . . rais'in hell regardless of the odds. Thus, with that damnyankee grin, he continued to harass the system and the ladies and somehow beat the academics (and demerits). A model grub private cadet, Chops is a true friend with whom I've shared too many close calls with; from outracing tacs to outchasing ti# . . . Oh well, we did it and won. RHEP Chops, and don't forget to visit South of the Mason-Dixon on occasion. MAS

DYKES: 1976: John Otocka, Jim Simpson
1982: Martin "Chip" Buehler

Robert Erroll Clark

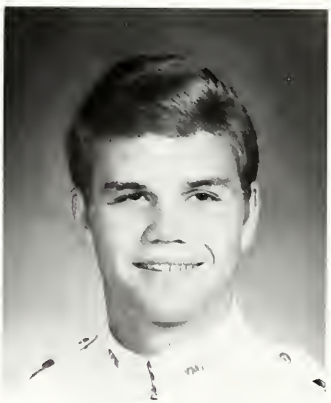
"Scroby, P.F., Sugar Legs, 11 Degrees Below"
Poquoson, Virginia
Civil Engineering; Special Student

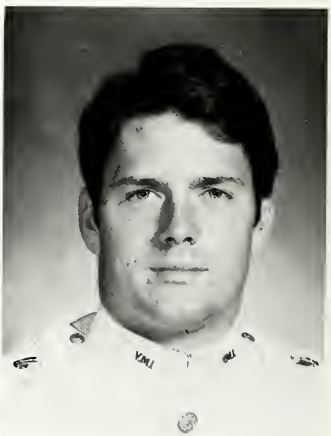
Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1.

Coming to V.M.I. was a challenge at first. All of the old Alumni stories had little effect on my decision to make the best of my college days. Most of my Second Class year, I realized that I wasn't particularly in love with the place. While attending V.M.I. I came to admire two very important people in my life as a cadet. I did not know them for long, but I will remember them forever.

Thanks to the whole crew for your support at the football games. I know the guys back home won't believe this. Good luck Jimmy, Hulkbody, Weenie, P. King, Boy Wonder, and Wild Man Hyatt. Thanks Mom for your support, Drill Sergeants aren't all that bad after all.

DYKES: 1976: Curt Reppart
1982: Pete Piotroski; Tim Hyatt





Nicholas Tyree Collins

"Nick, Yoo-Hoo, Nicky"
Staunton, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1 — President 1; Athletic Council 1; Ghetto 4, 2, 1; HBI Club.

To sum up four years here would be next to impossible. The memories will be implanted in us forever. Who could forget? But some things can't go unmentioned. Our second class year stands apart from the rest. We all shared the tragedies. To Steve and Jay, I admire your courage. And who could forget Ring Figure? What I thought was the end of the world turned out to be the beginning in disguise. Boys, don't forget the midnight snacks and thanks Maw-Pete for the chocolate cakes. They're famous up here. And I couldn't have done without my M&M's. To Mom and Dad . . . Well, I've almost made it. Thanks for sticking with me. Let's hope it will pay off one of these days. To my friends and especially my roommates . . . Take Care.

DYKES 1976: Mike Gross
1982: Danny Clymore, Charlie Sharp

John Owen Colonna II

"The Tongue, Handball King, Colonna-Andrews, Regimental S-0.5"
Springfield, Virginia
Biology — Infantry

CPB 3, 2, Vice Pres. 1; Pre-Med Society 3, 2, 1; Cadet Activities Committee 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Battalion Adjutant 1; Joe Benda's Conscience; Nerd Norris Grief Giving Committee (Chairman); Weight of the World Committee; Member of FCP 5 William and Mary Weekend Club; Henry Rogers Harassment Club.

I would like to use this space to thank those people who supported me through these four years. Mom and Dad, you have been great. I will never be able to repay all the kindness you have given me. You are the best parents a kid could ever have. Next, I would like to thank my fellow members of the "Big Five". Bob, Ray, Dolphin, and Danny, I wish you the best in your medical careers. The profession will definitely benefit from your contributions. Dolphin, you have a real queen in Susan. Take good care of her. Finally, I would like to thank the one person who made it all bearable. Teresa, on Saturday, May 26, 1979, you will make me the happiest man on earth by becoming my wife. With you at my side, I'll always be a success.

DYKES 1976: Bill Grant
1982: Scott "Disco Rat" Wooddell, Henry Rogers

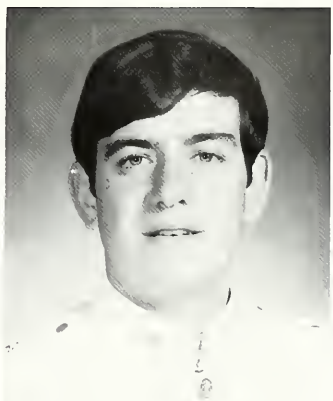
Timothy Alan Cordle

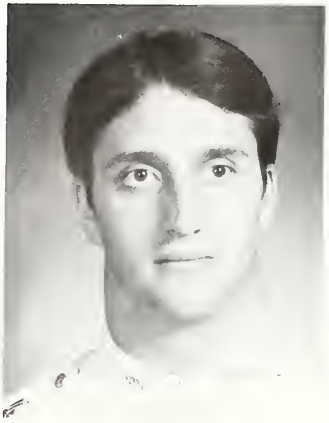
"Zep, Cords, Spike, Clem, Big T"
Bluefield, Virginia
English — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmons Society 2, President 1; Pep Band 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 1; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2; Academically Distinguished 2; Toga Club "6, 7", VMI Theatre 1.

Zep came to VMI looking like a side of beef. However, it didn't take long for the Ratline to thin him down. His next years brought academic excellence, football, and most importantly, his sweet little "Jersey Devil". She's been the center of his happiness since Zep and I've been through heaven and hell together twice, but we are not through. The good times we've had I'll always remember. Tim's one man who'll get what he wants from life; he won't give up until it's his. "My *eternal gratitude* goes to Biv and Gleb for the smiles — to Thumb for overlooking my faults for nine years and being true friend — to my beloved Mom and Dad, who were always there — and to Nancy, whose love gives me the courage to scale the cliffs of a new life."

DYKES 1976: Rex Kern
1982: Tim Nash





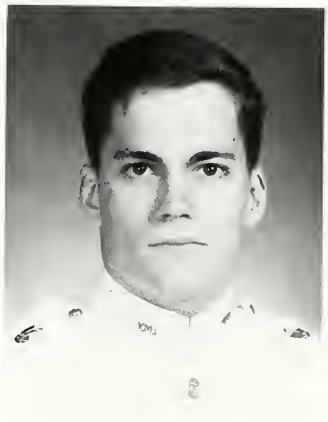
Joe Corsaro

"I hate it here"
Cleveland, Ohio
English — Armor

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Charter Member of the Sir Edmund Hillary Club; President of the "Room of Gloom" 3, 2, 1; Field 49 3, 2, 1.

As I look back on it, I do not know how I made it through these last four years. I came here with high hopes and now I leave disillusioned. Was it worth it? I don't know. This is not reality, but insanity. Long live the sane ie., Dale Ogg, Steve Gulley, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 Football teams. Now I would like to thank those that, through their love and friendship, helped me survive through these four hellish years. First, I would like to thank my parents for their love and moral support. I would like to thank the boys in "the den" for keeping me going. A special thanks goes out to the AHG, the Doctor, and the Higgins for putting up with me these last three years. In conclusion, *Thank God it is over!*

DYKES 1976: Bruce Crawford
1982: "Get ready for Eddy" Tucker
Mike Jesensky



Dirk Arthur Cox

"Crutch, Pigmo, Nasty"
Palatine, Illinois
Civil Engineer — Army

Cpl. 3; Ln. Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; Rat Company C.O.; Cadre 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2; Rat Training 4, 3; Ranger Platoon 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Wgt. Training 1; Zoo 4, 3, 2, 1; S-5 Tour Staff 4; AOS 4, 3, 2, 1.

How do I sum up my cadetship in the 140 word paragraph I am allowed? It's not possible. I could talk for hours on end of the bad and good experiences that took place here. At this point so close to graduation I can look back and laugh at the bad times. But I know deep down inside that without the support of my family and some excellent friends I've made, I would not be here now. Those friends — Lilrehe, Waldo, Pig, T.W., Porn King, Eduardo — are the single best thing about VMI. I wish you guys the best of luck. To my parents whom I owe so much, I can't adequately say what I feel. Thank you for everything. And finally, Margie — you're something else! You made this past year the best one yet. Thanks for being you. I.L.Y.

DYKES 1976: John P. Johnson
1982: Bruce Hilmes

Alfred Bartlett Cramer IV

"Bart, KB, Burt"
Culpeper, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; Tucker Street Massacre Member; Horseshoe Club; RBH Summer Session; Number 1 Club; November 30 Main Sinks Party.

Bart came to VMI after foolishly forsaking the University of Richmond and a lifestyle he could become accustomed to. However, grades and women were not hard to come by and it wasn't until his first class year that his faithful friends introduced him to the wondertul world of confinement. A regular at "Ducks", "The Hollow" and "T Street", Bart rarely let anything cramp his style. As long as the price of beer remains fairly stable, he should easily adjust to civilian life. Bart will have few regrets about leaving VMI — but he still hasn't figured out why he came. DJC

DYKES 1976: Jim Puckette
1982: Bobby Smythers

David J. Crawford

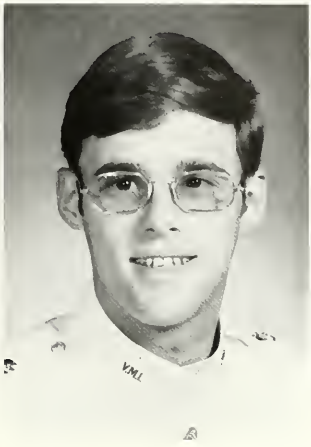
"Mule, Crawdad"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Economics — Civilian

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Number One Club 3, 2, 1, Prelaw Society 3; Hop & Floor 1; Rugby 2.

Ask anybody about Mule, the guy who takes care of the "Number 1" and "Number 2" clubs. He's a man of many talents, such as partying like a mad-man and never having to use the bathroom, and being co-cook with him at R.B.H., I learned some of the finer secrets of southern cooking. The most memorable experience was when he yelled clear across Krogers "Let's make scallops tonight." There's seven of his friends who enjoyed some of the greatest "munchables" ever tasted.

Leaving him in May will be one of the hardest things his friends will ever have to face, for Mule is not only a true brother rat, he is a true friend. He's sure to go far with his firm grasp of Econ. and his quick smile. Dave, thanks for some of the best years a cadet could live. (You're a gross slob!!!)

DYKES: 1976: Jack Christy
1982: Emmit Heltzel



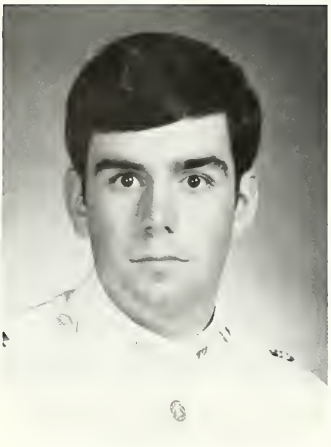
David Clinedinst Crim

"Little Poppa, Wooly Bear"
Lexington, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Army Corps of Engineers

ASCE; A. Co. Grub Private; 4 years of summer school.

When we look back upon our brother rats, one is bound to wonder how they have changed. Well, Dave's change came a little earlier than anyone would expect. True he started out in the family tradition and was the seventh Crim to attend this Institution but was also a firm believer in the Crim's obesity plan. It's very evident that Dave has found exactly what he's always wanted because he's changed from our overly rounded Rockbridge County Redneck to a would be graduate. There's only one thing that can clarify the changes in Little Poppa Crim and keep that smile so wide on his face. He'll always be the first to say that as soon as he possibly can, he is going to be married to a most wonderful girl named Anne.

DYKES: 1976: Theodore Carr
1982: Will Harris



Jeffrey H. Curtis

"Spook, Jeffy"
The Plains, Virginia
Air Force — Missile

Who's Who in American Universities; Air Force R.O.T.C. Scholarship 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 3, 2, 1; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Honor Court 2, 1; Field 49 2; Capt. Shepherd Fashion Show 2.

Four years ago I walked into Jackson Arch trying to figure out what college life was going to be like — four years later I'm still wondering, because the Big I has certainly failed to resemble anything associated with a normal college. During those four years I managed to run into some pretty unique characters, who have left a lasting impression on me — guys like Mugs, Homer, Satch, Squints, D-Berries, Dork, Crank, V, Nyogg, Gook, Ragman, Polio and a host of others. So crazy as these guys were, they will remain my lifelong friends, because I certainly could not have made it without their help. In summation, I would like to thank my Brother Rats for their aid and most of all my parents and family for all their help in getting here today.

DYKES: 1976: Wayne Eastham
1982: G. J. (Doctor) Walley

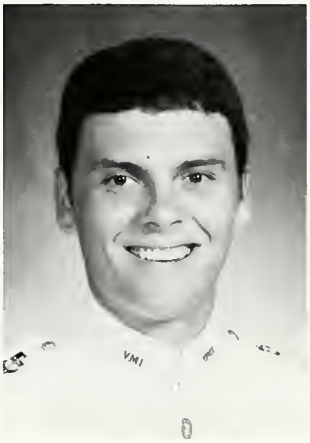
John McNamara Curtis

"Mac, Macker, F.A."
Norfolk, Virginia
C.E. — Army Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2; Rugby 1; Society of American Military Engin.; A.S.C.E.; Ring Figure Entertainment Comm.; Graduation Speaker Comm.; "235" Live; "233" R.H.E.P.; Mary Lane Participant; Member: Sigma Phi Electron Fratty Lodge; Summer School Vet. 76-77, 77-78.

In his tenure at the "I" Mac has done everything he possibly could to make a good time out of this "Institution." We came to appreciate Mac's ability to dance on the radiator, hang on the pipes or just break a window. Like most of us Mac was a true procrastinator academically speaking, but he was always willing to drink a beer anytime, anywhere. But through it all Macker has left a large and memorable dent in each individual he has come to know. In my four years here the good times have outnumbered the bad times simply due to you Mac. To the driving force who made this impossible task worthwhile, my family. Especially Mom and Dad — I love you all.

DYKES: 1976: Conrad Neve
1982: Shep "Hokie" Jordan



Steven William Dailey

"Smegley B. Bknorf, Secily, Fool #3, Disco"
McLean, Virginia
History — Navy

Pvt. 3; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. A Co. X.O. 1; *The Cadet* 3; Ski Club 3, 1; Theatre 4, 3; Rat Training 4, 2; Firefighters 2; College Republicans 3, 2, 1; Intramurals — Football 1; Basketball 3, 1.

Steve signed on to the 22 team his third class year and has been a starter ever since. He managed to start every fight, argument, and problem we ever had. This is not to say he didn't help solve these troubles, but since it's not to say that we won't. After an inauspicious rat year Steve came to his own in the wake of another star and managed to carve a place in our hearts. The following is an excerpt from a confidential tape of Steve sleeptalking — ". . . No I'm not as cool as Joe . . . Dariush, I can't English speak you as good . . . Paul, you shine so good I can't stand it . . . and Mouse, I am a fool . . ." Steve, you know we could not have had a better roommate. Your overpowering wit, humor, logic and friendship will keep you alive in our thoughts forever.

DYKES: 1976: O. "Chip" Burnette
1982: Bruce Kelly, Willie Funkhouser

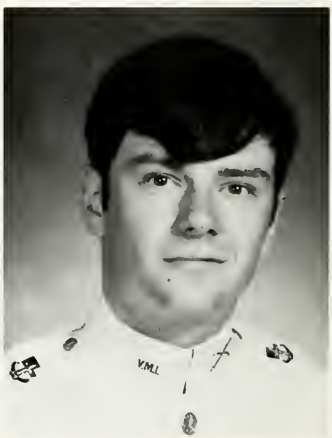
Mark Stephen Day

"Sputnik, Probosics, Jew Boy (i.e. THRIFTY), Probe"
Berkeley Springs, W. Va.
History — Artillery

Track 4; Rugby 4, 3; Lacrosse 1; Ski Club 2, 1; Tanker Plt. 3; Cadet Battery 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

If there has ever been a man who truly loved VMI, it was Mark. Always complaining and threatening to leave every summer, the only time we were concerned was when he was quiet. Mark is a wild, wonderful West Virginian from the big town of Berkeley Springs. Even Stan Hadges can't match his accent. With his background, we are sure he will be a lifer in Artillery. As a rat, Mark barely scraped through, especially in chemistry, due to his fights with "Ferret" over balances. Now in his first class year and his physical characteristics not outstanding; i.e. his receding hairline, protruding probosics and his easy grip lovehandles, we are sure that some hillbilly girl will make a good family man out of him. Seriously though, good luck in the future since you haven't had it in the past. "Poff"

DYKES: 1976: T. Scott Lloyd
1982: L. Eric Keys



Alireza Delkash

"Dash, Ali Del"
Tehran, Iran
EE — Navy

Volleyball; Handball; Member, ISS; *Bomb* Staff 4.

During our Rat Year Ali's hands were always clasped in energetic glee, recounting harem-filled stories of girls across the sea, and singing mournfully in incomprehensible nasal passages. It was not long, however, before his homeland songs gave way to Foghat. Adopting the disco dance, Ali boogied his way through summer girls, and countless Roanoke weekends. But a letter came one 2nd Class day from far across the sea that told of broken plans, and the soft music of James Taylor, not Aerosmith, soothed him. He stands now, ready to graduate, a young man who has grown up twice in two cultures and fully capable of uniting the compulsory bonds of Rat year with the voluntary committment to Eternal Friendship. Ali — Fred, Joe, and I express our deepest gratitude for your loyalty.

DYKES: 1976: Jim Malon
1982: T. A. Belden

Charles Frederick Dismore

"Fred, Fast-Freddie, Dizzy, Diz, Dizless"
Wilmington, Delaware
Civil Engineering-Physics — Army Corps Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 4, 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma 2, 1; Fencing 2, 1; Glee Club 4; Symposium 2; Academically Distinguished 2, 1.

Gee, these last four years have been full of experiences. I feel one of the best experiences has been knowing Fred. Fred is the type of person that you just know will make it big on "the outside". Fred has always been ready to help a Brother Rat out. He has been a super tutor at the Institute. I should know since I was constantly knocking on his door for help in Solids, Structures, Concrete, you name it. I also know Fred to be a good "drinking buddy" on Saturday night in Lexington. They should give Fred an office in the Cockpit. I say it is pretty good when you can wear academic stars through hard work and still have a good time. Fred, I expect to see you in Moody Hall quite often in the years to come.

DYKES: 1976: Ted Trout
1982: Leonard Wagner

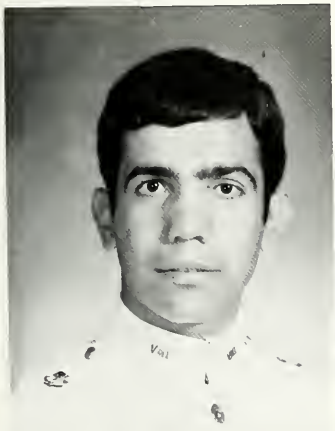
Douglas Raymond Doerr

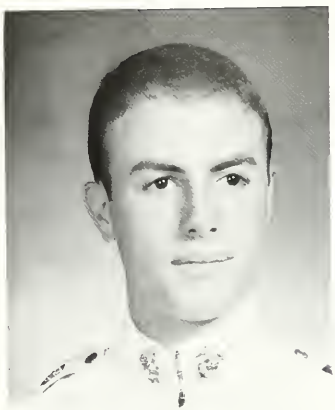
"Do Do, Rug Head, Dougie"
Las Vegas, Nevada
History — Marine Corps

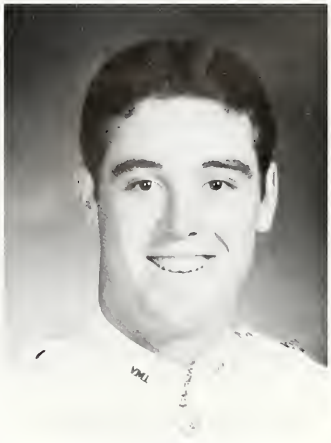
Ring Figure Comm. Chairman (2), Library Asst. 3, 2, Head 1; Military Society 4, 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Color Sgt. 2; UVC 2.

After meeting Doug at the beginning of our third class year, as new roommates, I wondered if I had been smart in trusting the other 3. I stopped wondering long ago because in Doug I found a super B.R. Few can match Doug's sincerity when dealing with other people. In fact, sincerity is probably one of Doug's greatest assets. Doug never ceases to amaze me with his skills at answering specials. You must hold the record for getting them scratched. And then there was R-MWC, I'll beat 47 minutes someday, Doug. Your existence at V.M.I. is now history but hopefully you will brighten the lives of those around you in the future as you have mine in the past. Best of luck in the future for you and Corinne and the U.S.M.C. JPKS

DYKES: 1976: Doug Ashton
1982: Thane Durey







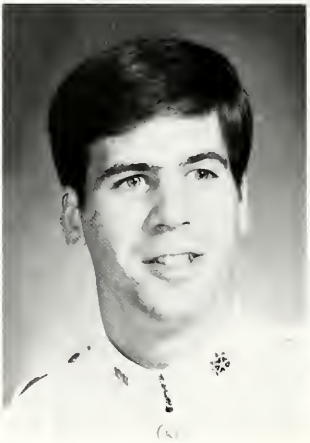
William Emmit Drewery, Jr.

"Bill, Drew, Buzz-Head"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
English — Army

Rebel Yell Club; Forget Yell Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Prevert Corner 3, 2, 1, Boxing 4, 3, 2, 1; Confinement 1

Four years ago I woke up to the nightmare of my life — VMI and I'm still not sure if it's true or not. Through the years this place has given me some great virtues like how to get kicked in the Romp and still laugh about it, but the pain was still there. Come May 19 the thorn will be removed for good and maybe happiness is ahead for me, Mrs. Duck says it is. The guys I met here were great, they somehow made up for this place. To my brother I leave my uniforms and pity.

DYKES 1976: Mike Stauffer
1982: Charlie Sanger, Dave McIver



Dale J. Drury

"Dale J. Drury, Drooper, Whale's Arse, Capt. Patch, Tonsils, King Hamabibi"
Salem, Virginia
History — Air Force

Rugby 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, quit 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2, Treasurer 1, Goldcoast Bomb Squad 3, 2, 1; Tucker Street Member 2, Rain Makers Club 3, 2, 1; Horseshoe Club.

BOY, I HAD *SOME* FUN HERE!!

Thanks *John* and *Rick*, also Fred, Kid, Antonius, Ed, Surley, Bob Buddy, Penguin, Juan, Stan, Tom T., Don, Eddy, Chip, Wingding, Sputter (was a long four years), Bart, Mule, Bro, Reginald, Tim, Czar, and THE King and Jimmy Boy. Plus the VMI Rugby Team and all the rest that I held so dear and held on in school with.

DYKES: 1976: Steve Hiner, Keith Dickson, Tom Zuegner
1982: Wayne "Juice" Lucy, Mark "Wop" Ciarrocca, Paul "Slinky" Hayes, Boris Chrobok, Jay "Whanbat" Whamsley

George Homer Eliades

"Spanky, Greek, John Belushi, Kepone"
Hopewell, Virginia
English — Artillery

English Society 3, 2, President 1; Circle K, Pres 1; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 3, Business Mgr 2, Circulation Mgr. 1; Marauders 3, 2, I.M.V. Stedyeks 1, Capt. Taylor Fan Club 4, 3, 2; Ruby Bagonia Fan Club 1; Timber Ridge Hunt Club 1.

Why, right, you are in the right, And so, without more circumstance at all, I hold it fit that we shake hands and part, You, as your business and desire shall point you, For every man has business and desire, Such as it is, and for my own poor part, I will go pray. Hamlet I.V

To all my friends I say thanks for everything. We didn't always do things right but we had a Hell of a good time doing them! Good Luck Fellas! (We ain't there yet.)

To Mom and Dad, What can I say but Thank You! Your patience, tolerance, encouragement, and love helped me more than words could ever express. G.H.E.

DYKES: 1976: Tad "The Dodger" Dodge, Curtis "The Czar" Butterworth
1982: Melvin "Rat" Talley

Abbasali Erfani

"Ali, Abbas, Erf, Erf the Serf"
Esfahan, Iran
EE — Navy

Volleyball 4, RFYL 3, 2; Handball 2, 1, Number One Club.

Well Mr Er-a-fawn-e, I still remember that fateful day when I met the good-a-boy and quiet-a-boy. Life that year was far from quiet, but it was still a good year Only bad thing was all of those beady eyes looking for the Grand Poobah of the IIN I'm still amazed how you and my parents understood each other right off. These last two years have not been the same without an occasional -a- thrown in before a word. But for all the work you've put into academics to master them who cares about little things that get in the way Everything you've done, you've done wholeheartedly, and deserve a lot of credit The IIN is getting a helluva officer I only hope I meet you again some day

DYKES 1976 Peter Micheal Friesen
1982 Craig Merritt, Steve Varga

Seiavosh Eslami

"Sia, Stud, Sea Horse, Studly, Slami"
Farsan-Chahar, Mohal-Bakhtiyari-Iran
Civil Engineering — Naval Science

RFYL; Volleyball; Karate Club; Handball; International Club; Weight Training; Asleep Club, Pvt. 1, 2, 3, 4

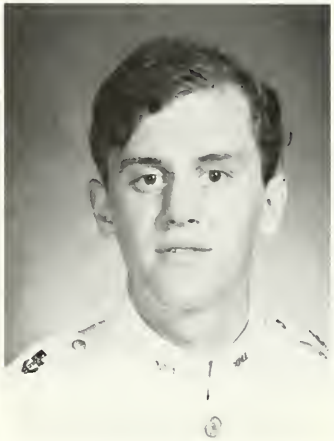
Things never turn out the way you expect them to. Had anyone asked me during our first semester what Sia's chances were on making it through VMI my answer would have been, "slim to none and slim just left town — "

So much for what I know

Sia has not only made it through VMI, but he has carried me along with him. From demerit troubles (go excess much, Sia), to Rat calculus and even to number one's (mine), Sia has always been there with a kind word, a friendly attitude, a willing and helpful hand Sia could always supply good advice, "Don't worry about it, go to sleep "

Although Sia will return to Iran after graduation, I know our paths will cross again. Till then Sia, take care and thanks. J.G V

DYKES 1976 Tony Young
1982 Thomas McCune



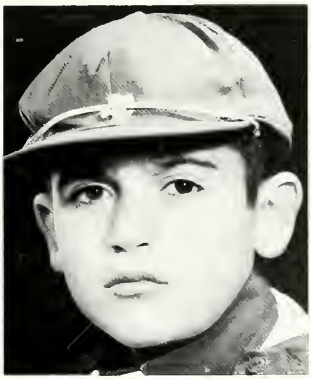
James Allan Faist

"Faisty, Fiasty, Jimmy-Boy"
Norwood, New Jersey
AFROTC — Navigator

Dean's List 3, 2, Rifle Team 4, Air Force Scholarship 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, S-5 Staff 2, Private 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1, Rat Training Cadre 2; Glee Club 4; NY-NJ Club 4, 3, 2

Fiasty came to us with the correct attitude of a VMI man already instilled in him. Realizing very early in his Cadetship that the "I" had little to offer him, he quickly brushed it aside as a minor setback and decided to make the best of a tricky situation Needless to say he has done that, keeping up with academics and his favorite hobby (girls). The Faist success story of Institute life can be attributed to 2 factors his natural instinct to stay out of trouble and his uncanny ability to "cram" for exams Faisty, realizing that he is destined for high places and good times will probably make it We all hope he just remembers his BR's when he gets there MCLB (Ark)

DYKES 1976 Arig Koumis
1982 Eric Rolaf



Fred Grey Farthing III

"Fred, Grey, Walker, Scrump, Fahrenheit"
Wytheville, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

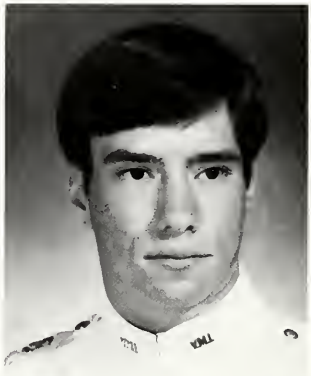
J.V. Basketball 4; Tennis 4; Young Democrats 4, 3. ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Circulation Staff 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Intramural Volleyball Champions 4; 150 Yacht Club 1; Timber Ridge Hunt Club 1.

What can you say about Fred? He's only the best son of a gun in the whole world! He came to VMI, a tall southernly gentleman from the "Hub" of Southwest Virginia. As "Grey" progressed through the years as a private he traded in his books for a cold six of "Bud". It seems that whatever "Grey" does he succeeds in, whether it be catching T.D. passes or breaking young ladies' hearts. He has taken care of me in times of need and for these things I'll never forget.

MDO '79

I came to VMI to accept a challenge, both mentally and physically. Now that I have achieved my goal, I must set another, but yet this one even higher than before. It couldn't have been done without a loving family, friends, and lady. VMI has done me some good after all.

DYKES 1976: Hank Dean
1982: Tommy Sproule



Charles Timothy Fitch

"Redneck from the big 'O', T, PW-2B, C.T., Charles, Chuck"
Orange, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army

Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1. Radio Club 2, 1; Big Boys Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Tim doesn't know what "second best" is. He wants the best and he works hard for it. One of the founding fathers of the "Big Boys Club," he is no lightweight. He doesn't work long hours, they just never stop. No matter how busy you might find him, he is always willing to lend a helping hand or show you how to do that 10 hour problem in 15 minutes. His way with women is refined and fine. As a free-living bachelor, I don't give him much time. The question is, where is the girl good enough and who can take life in his log cabin with the "4-wheel drive"? In the future, he will be a great asset to J.T. & B. or whatever lifeline of work he pursues. Tim — a Brother Rat, A great friend.

J.S.B.

DYKES 1976: Ricky North
1982: Jim Malchiodi
Kevin Snell

Frederick Stephen Floyd

"Cool Freddy, Hollywood, Fierce Fighting Foxtrot Fred Floyd from Florida"
Jacksonville, Florida
History — Air Force

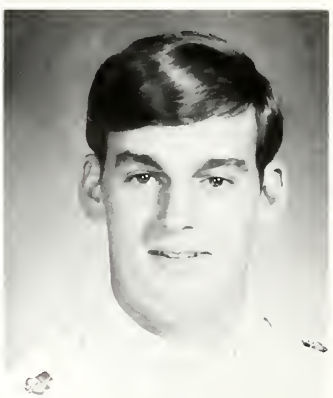
Varsity Tennis, J.V. Basketball, Monogram Club, English Society

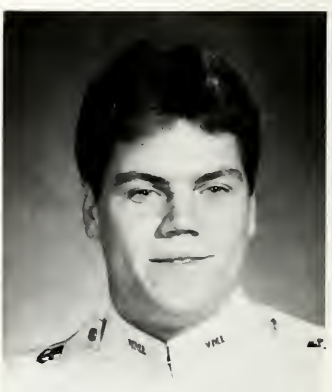
. . . With the past at my back
and the future unsure
Asked
for the chance to try
once more.
Well aware of the consequences
should the dream fall through
I threw down the last defenses
wanting something new.

D.F.

To my mother and father who encouraged me always and especially my father who made it possible for me to have a second chance all those times.

DYKES 1976: Bill Wolfe
1982: Paul "Slinky" Hayes





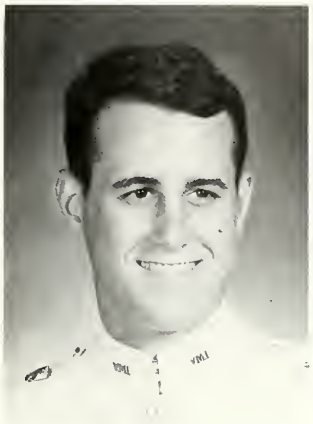
Claude Harvel Fore III

"Foresy, Claudius, Claudsy, Forsie-Baby, Cold"
Dayton, Ohio
Physics — Army (Armour)

Rat; Cpl.; Sgt.; Pvt.; Society of Physics Students 4, 3, 2, 1; V.M.I. Soaring Club 3, 2; A.U.S.A. 2, Tanker; Platoon 1; 1st. Class Representative Publications Board; Lonely Hearts Club 1.

Forsey came to V.M.I. on that fateful day of August 20, 1975 a dreamer. An Army 4-year Scholarship Winner/Stud with high aspirations relating to tanks. That passed very quickly as the hard reality of Cadet Life soon set in and visions of glory soon faded. Despite the fact that he is a frustrated ranker, he still wears his academic stars in Physics. Claude is a hard working Christian Man, and a person that anyone would be grateful to have as a friend. Now what is a nice guy like that doing at V.M.I.? What do you do with a person who doesn't smoke/drink/raise hell/chase women? Forsey, you will go far in life if you survive by being so nice a guy. Hey Forsey! Remember that girl Stephanie? MCLB (Ark).

DYKES: 1976: Bhatta, William K.
1982: Ewing, Michael



James Daniel Foster

"Dan, Dychee Poo"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology — Artillery

Religious Council 3, 2, 1; Pre-Med Society 3, 2, 1; Ad-Hoc Committee 2, 1; Hop Escort 2, 1; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, A Company Commander 1; Henry Rogers Harassment Club 1; Bob Johannsen Weight of the World.

It seems it was just four short years ago since Dan came straining into Jackson Arch as one of those determined Rats who just kept driving on. Now, after the long days of work and not to mention fun, Dan found himself a distinguished leader in the Corps which exemplifies his determination to succeed as a VMI cadet. Dan will be remembered by his friends as a most considerate and warm hearted person. He always made sure I had plenty to drink (right!!), always made weekly attacks on Henry and kept Bob and John from pushing too much weight on my shoulders. I wish him the best of success, for he is pursuing a difficult profession, one in which I know he will do well (Doc!!). Many thanks to you and your family for all the good times. RAJ

DYKES: 1976: Bill Brown, Nick Tarzia
1982: Tom Madigan

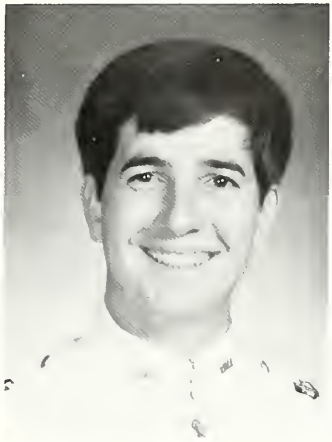
Terrence Eugene Fox

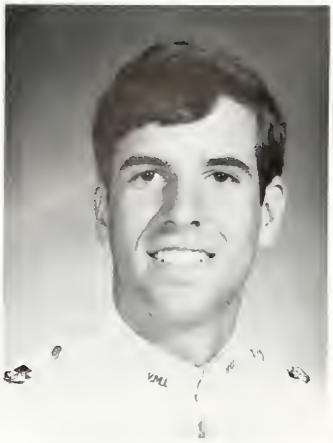
"Terr, Reever, Doctor, General, A.J."
Fall River, Mass.
E.E. — Air Force

Firefighters 2, 1; I.E.E.E. 2, 1; Treasurer I.E.E.E. 1; Cpl. 3, Pvt. 4, 2, 1.

Many men pass through the "hallowed" halls of VMI without making much of an impression on those around them. With Terry this could never be said. His constant wittiness gave a light to many rough days and nights. Terry came here and aspired to graduate an E.E.; he started with all he had and it seemed that no matter how much the system fought him, he still got things done and done right. Terry also had another great ambition, to fly. At first it was only an ambition, but as most things are with Terry, it soon became a reality; and that was how he became known as our "jet-jockey". So Terry was a success here and now that he's out, I hope the world is ready for him. Lord knows Joyce is. Luck Terr.

DYKES: 1976: Wrenn, R.
1982: Jennings, W.





Philip H. Gallahan

"Phil"
Fredericksburg, Virginia
English — Air Force

Chairman of the Third Class Finance Committee, Head Cadet — George C. Marshall Foundation, Cpl., First Sgt., Bravo Company Commander

I feel very inhibited writing about Phil. He is such a good friend, I am having a difficult time expressing my feelings in writing. What can you say about someone who is always there when you need him, someone you can talk to; someone you can count on. Teddy Roosevelt's "walk softly and carry a big stick" exemplifies Phil. Not very many people could have attained so high a position in the corps being so quiet! Well, four years at the Big "I" are finally at an end. We have done a lot of things together. Mary Wash; TCFC; not to mention seeing each other every day for the past three years! Phil, I'm going to miss you (and Dana). "Hey Phil, you wouldn't mind if a Rat sat at the table, would ya'?"

DYKES 1976. Wayne Eastham
1982. Jon Mott, Bob Yarbrough

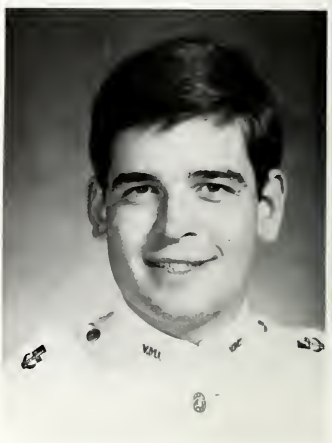
James Allen Gede Jr.

"Jay, Jaybird, Ollie"
Reisterstown, Maryland
History — Field Artillery

Lacrosse 3, 2, 1, Tri-Captain; Wrestling 4, Private 4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1, Posit Committee 3, 2, 1; Chairman, Distinguished Military Student; Army Scholarship, Dean's Honor List 4, 3, 2, 1, Bomb Copy Editor, Who's Who; Phi Kappa Phi

My experience at VMI has been one of challenge, sadness, and at least — success. God only knows why I came here and it was only with the help of Chris, Nick, Rich, Steve, Brad, Dan, Tommy, Meade, Ivars and all my friends that I ever made it. A lot has happened during these last four years: the Roanoke trip, afternoons of spades, Spring of 77, Colt games, Burrhead, Dinners at Nick's, one hell of a truck ride, Matt, FSC, and my second home at Steve's. Steve, Rich and Nick thanks for showing me the country life and for your help. Mom and Dad — thank you for your support, care, love and the phone bills. Finally, and most importantly, thank you Chris for staying beside me — it's finally finished. Hang in there Nick.

DYKES. 1976. Clutch Davis
1982. Mike Eden



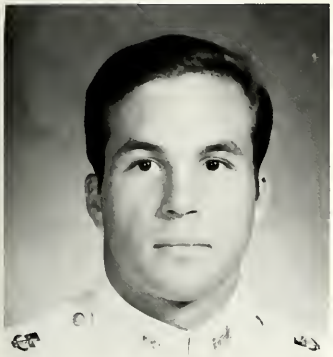
John W. George

"Yohnny, Blockhead"
South Plainfield, New Jersey
Economics — Special Student

Pvt 4, 2, 1, Cpl. 3; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1, Bus Mgr. 2, Pres. 1, Bloodmobile 3, 2, 1, Chairman 1, RDC 1 Posit Comm., Ring Fig., Ring Construction Chairman 2, Tucker Street Massacre 2.

When I first saw John on that fateful Aug. 20, I knew the Institute was in for some wild times. With his outgoing spirit he was well liked and rose to the top in getting some important positions his first class year. But John never gave up time with his friends, as can be assessed to the Tucker Street "gang" which held its nightly meetings beginning at the O.C.'s discretion and now RBH. Through the years we all seem to wonder if it's worth it, but John has always returned to the "I" with that "ready to go" smile. We have seen many seasons together and John has always "been there" when we needed him. Thanks John for one hell of an experience.

DYKES. 1976. Pascal Houcke
1982. Mark Ciarrocca, Boris Chrobok



Jeffrey E. Goldhardt

"Goldie, Jersey, Damnyankee"
Demarest, New Jersey
CE — Army

Karate Club 4, 3, Judo 3, Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistant 2, 1, Member of General Sherman's Occupation Force, President of General Hunter's Fan Club, Student Teacher — Yankee Accent and Social Etiquette

Arriving in the wake of the Union Forces, the Jersey Kid occupied VMI for 4 long years and yet the hallowed halls managed to survive that terrible vocal affliction (damnyankee accent). Noted for his quick wit, charm, and personality, many fine Virginia women fell to his advances, but he never quite could subdue Carolina (bodacious woman, too bad). Despite Goldie's tenure in the CE Dept., I just know that somewhere up there (Nawth, above the Mason-Dixon Line) a Mafia staff car and a custom made two-piece pool cue await the Kid. Hope the folks back home will let you visit soon so you won't forget how to say "y'all" and sip juleps. Best of luck to you Jeff.

MAS

DYKES 1976 Jim Jousta
1982 Mike Burt, Sam Finkeh

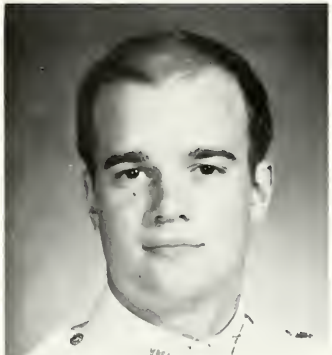
Jose Pantaleon Gomez III

"The Hose, Taco-Man, Mez"
Staunton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1, Class of 1979 Historian; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1, Dean's List 3, Monogram Club 2, 1, Ghetto 2, 1

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those few who've made the man's bad times tolerable and the few good times better. Book, Al, Ed, Jeb, Nick, Rich, Perl, Willy P., Mac, U.F., Har, Dale, Joe, Rick, Mule, Meade and all the members of the '75, '76, '77, '78 editions of the "Big Red". Also, a special thanks to my roommates, Tony, Tim, Tommy, and Landshark, who've put up with so much. Finally, to my family, I hope I've made you as proud of me as I am of you all. I hope that one day I will be able to look back on these past 4 years and say it was worth it. However, only time will tell.

DYKES 1976 Jerry "The Argentine Bull" Codutti
1982 John "Landshark II" Powell



George Charles Graham, Jr.

"Gorgeous George, Ramjam, Discoman"
West Hempstead, New York
Economics — Infantry

Academically Distinguished, DMS, Cpl 3, Sgt 2; Pvt 1, Prelaw Society; Cadet Assistant, AUSA, Omicron Delta Epsilon; VMI Society of Young Economists, Career Fair Steering Committee

Well here is the night before it's due and we're still scrounging for something. Yes George you are worth a point on my G.P.A. Look George, it's been a long 4 years, a mile too long — but then look at that fine sense of humor you've developed. George the great Nihilist, cynic of VMI bureaucracy, maligned defender of cadet rights — BR's only. Better not dig mine up to write it, 'cause this ain't my fault. I've really enjoyed your friendship, wish I could understand it. Don't worry Gorgeous, you'll feel better after it's over and we'll both say an Ave for the place. Your Cultist "Pick" Richardson

DYKES 1976 Frank Estes
1982 Paul Pendorf, Stu Warren

Caroll Anthony Green

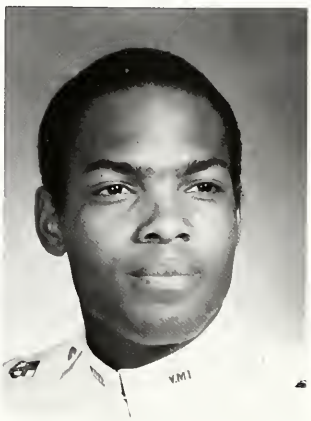
"C.A., Mean Green, Bad"
Quinton, Virginia
EC — Special Student

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji 2, 1; 2330 Rack Club; Chester Fan Club.

What can be said about a guy who runs over the OD while he's dressed in civies (unauthorized) and taking a furlough (also unauthorized)? What can you do about a guy who talks trash, successfully, to girls while on guard as recorder only to find out they are "under age"? How can you change a guy who can sit with a bag of peanuts and eat for hours, completely oblivious to the world around him? You can't, thank heavens. But let's hear the man with the best disposition and a smile for everyone tell it. MAS

Coming from a small town I never realized how much fun I could have in a large college in the big city. I still don't! During the last 4 years I've seen bad times and worse times, but I pulled through thanks to the guys on the football team that had faith in me. And a special thanks to Coach Williams, the only coach who gave me a chance.

DYKES: 1976: Macke Curle
1982: Ozzie Belcher



Malcolm David Grimes

"Mal, Praying Mantis"
Newport News, Virginia
Air Force

Indoor and Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 1; Conf. and State Record Holder (Long Jump, Triple Jump); Basketball 3; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know, I want to be able, as days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye; I don't want to stand, with the setting sun, And hate myself for things I have done.

The special friendships I have made with Stick, Mongo, Green, and Slick will be with me always. But also a special thanks to Coach Williams for all he has done, and to Mrs. Roane for all of the good hospitality. To Mom and Dad for all of their love and support, and most of all to Yolanda Maria for a lasting and loving relationship.

DYKES: 1976: Ronnie Moore
1982: Tony Odrick, Dale Davis, Tom Kusterer

Rick Franklin Hall

"California Kid, Tarzan, Wildman"
Covina, California
Economics — Artillery

Football 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 1; R.H.E.P. in 233, Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; MBC Raid '78.

One often wonders why anyone as groovy as the "California Kid" would travel 3000 miles to "sign the sheets" and answer specials to one such as Wierd Harold. It must have been his daily challenges of trying to be normal, "talking trash" for the optimal goal, or trying escape from the clutches of a Baldwin elevator that kept "Tarzan" swinging. Yes, the Wild Man from Covina will always be remembered for his suave and debonaire charm which touched the hearts of many during his four complete years at the Institute. Our struggle to keep in touch with the real world made us the closest of friends and "Prep", "Spitts", and I will never forget the "KID". NAH

DYKES: 1976: Rick Tuffaro
1982: Frank Horner, Gary Persinger

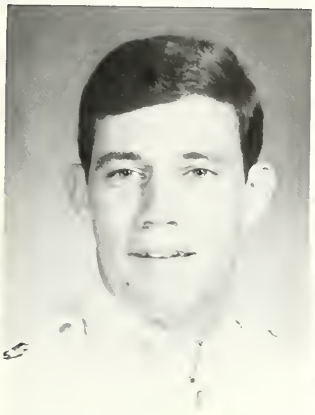
Anthony Eugene Hamilton

"Tony, H.N.I.C., Bohannon, McBrown, Head Coconut, Midnight, Magic."
Stauton, Va.
Economics — Armor

Class President; General Committee, Executive Committee; Posit Committee; Track 2; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Club Promaji; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

My initial steps into V.M.I. were ones of caution and fear. Those steps of fear eventually became ones of responsibility when I was elected President of the class. I thought the pressure would be too great, but thanks to all my roommates, friends, and my family, I made it through. As a third, I realized what a V.M.I. education was worth. As a Second, I finally got my monument of V.M.I., the Ring. Now, as a 1st Classmen, that moment of truth is at hand. The Staunton Bunch has conquered the Institute. I have some fantastic BR's who are definitely unique in all the world. The Class of "79" has helped me become history and the memories of our Cadetship will never escape my mind. Thank God, I am now an Alumnus and can look at the past and smile.

DYKES 1976: Dave Miles
1982: Al Conner



William Penn Hamlin

"Willie P., W.P., Bill"
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Posit Committee 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; S-7; Ghetto Club; HBI 1; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Capt. 1; Nocturnal Road Trip Society 2, 1; Rugby 2; Economic Society 3, 2, 1.

There isn't enough room to tell the complete Willie P. story while he was here at the I, but here is a brief summary. Militarily, Willie ranks with the best of them. From a 4th Class private, his acceptance of responsibility and devotion to duty made him the best Company Commander F Co. ever had. Willie also had a sense of devotion towards the finer things in life; Mint Juleps, Southern Belles and wild parties. Every Friday and Saturday nights you could find him at either W&L or UVa with his buddies from "Big Lick". I'll never forget the road trips we took to Baldwin, Sweet Briar, and Hollins, or the time Thomas Jefferson told us how to get back home at 4 a.m. one night at UVa. Thanks for all the good times, Willie. I hope we have a lot more to come. JEB

DYKES 1976: Chip Deyerle
1982: Andy Douthat, Rob Preddy

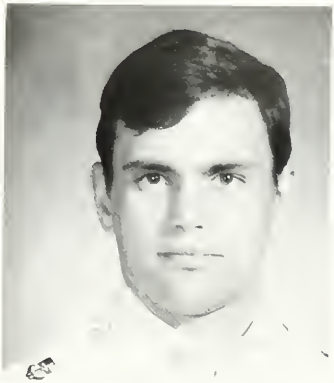
James P. Harrington

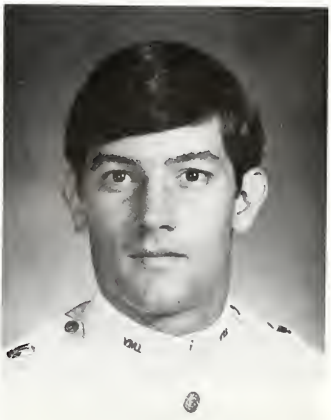
"The G.P. Flush, Mad Irishman, Wildman"
Long Island, New York
E.E. — Infantry

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; Tucker Street Massacre, Horseshoe Club; Cadet Waiters; Head Waiter 1; Sub-Culture 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 2, 1.

I eat when I'm hungry
I drink when I'm dry
And if the moonshine don't kill me
I'll drink 'til I die.

DYKES 1976: Rick Biram
1982: Tyler Goodwyn





Noel Ashby Harris

"Mule, Hooter, Doublewide, F.S."
North, Virginia
CE — Army

FCA 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 1; HBI Club 4, 3, 2, 1; RHEP in ≠233; Society of American Military Engineers.

From North, to nowhere, Noel sacrificed all to CE and Football, yet found time to minor in LA; specifically "talk'in trash." Doublewide's "Give it up" approach disgusted his roomies, especially since most of his Booty raids were a success (exception: one monumental NO! so near, yet . . .) His family made possible his complete success for without their love, the coldness of the "I" may have prevailed, (and without MOM's cook'in we'd a booted him out of 154.) The Kid, C.A., Prep and I will never forget the T-Shirts, window panes, and trow lost to F.S.'s rampages along with that frequent threat of "I'm gonna kick your ≠°%". From our 5th to our 50th, RH, SD, and EP, but don't change. MAS

DYKES: 1976: Dexter Gilliam
1982: Walter M. Sanders

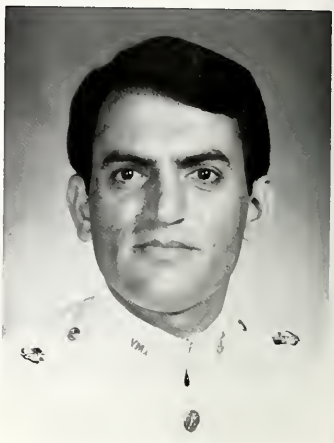
John D. Hash

"Bad, Bad Johnny, John-Boy, Horrible Hash"
Fort Defiance, Virginia
CE — Army Infantry

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2; Military Society 4; Treasurer 3; Vice President 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Survivor 456.

John came to VMI four years ago searching to make a dream come true. The dream — to be a commissioned officer in the Regular Army. During the last 4 years John has certainly shown the qualities that will make an excellent leader. His devotion to honor, duty and Country has been exemplified in his stay at the Institute. John is a true Brother Rat. Always ready to help a Brother Rat or join in a party, John has been a great friend these last four years. CE has been tough, but we've made it. And of course there is always the memory of "Gang Three" cavorting in the street. Through the good and bad we've been proud to say you are our friend and Brother Rat. The best of luck in capturing your dream.

DYKES: 1976: Stauffer, M. E.
1982: Kistler, J.C.



Heshmatollah Hashemi

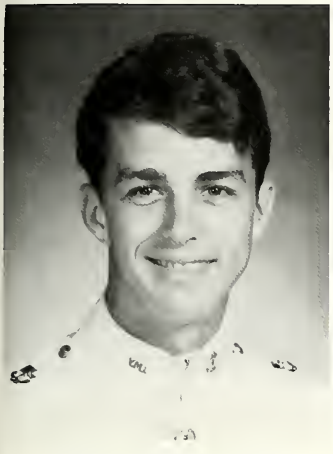
"Hash"
Arak, Iran
Civil Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; R.F.Y.L.; Volleyball; International Club.

Heshmat, we are finally going to graduate from this place. Hurray!! I find it difficult at this time to find the words to describe the two years that we lived together in barracks. You were always ready and willing to help when we needed a favor or cheer us up if we needed it. I'll never forget the great times we shared together in room 235 . . . wrestling with "J.B." and "Blake" . . . magic marker battles in underwear dyke (I lost badly) . . . the hidden hay . . . dates with my sister (well almost) . . . Susan??? . . . the midnight raids to Mary Baldwin College . . . and of course the times at Roanoke.

Heshmat, you are hell of a guy. I hope our friendships, which I cherish, will continue in the later years. Best of lucks to you in your future endeavors.

DYKES: 1976: Bill Neil
1982: Curtis Sexton



Randall Eugene Hawkins

"Randy, Randeee, Hawk, Homo"
Dahlonega, Ga.
Civil Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RYFL 4, 3, 2, 1, ASCE 3, 2, 1.

On a hot August day in 75, this motivated young Marine entered the "Big I" leaving behind the wine, women, and waves of Virginia Beach. The Marines soon fell by the wayside for Randy, but as for the rest they were still of primary importance. His frequent pilgrimmages to the beach were soon to prove this true. Perhaps the things I remember most about Randy were his girl problems. One being, who from the Hawkins harem to take to the hop and the other being how to keep his mistresses on an effective weight reduction program. But how can we least forget Birdman, the mad flashes to N.E.B., and of course the famed beach parties all of which made our cadetship a memorable one indeed. Anchors away my boy and good luck in the future.

DYKES: 1976: Doug Ashton
1982: Kevin Sharp

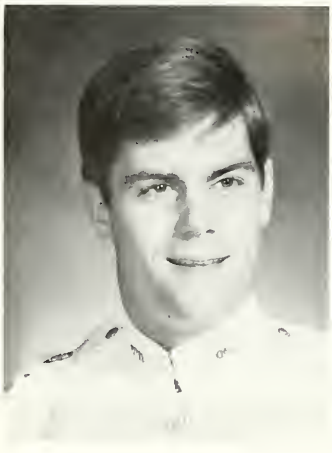
Ray Denton Hendrickson

"X-Ray"
San Bernardino, California
Economics — Unattached

Pvt. 4; Cpt. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Fencing Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Sabre Weapons Captain; Fencing Team Captain; Glee Club 4, 3.

I've been forced out of sheer fear to write my own history; having three roommates who wish to put down for posterity some slanderous tall tales. I've roomed with these lunatics for three years and have few reasons as to why we still room together . . . But inspite of them and the "I", I will miss my Sat. night drunks with Terry Fox, that smile of Sam Murphy, and the loving kindness of Nack and Ritz. To whatever my Future might hold, I can safely say this place has helped me in name only.

DYKES: 1976: Dennis Pucket
1982: George Seifeirth



Thomas Pollard Herbert

"Beav, Beaver, (F.H.), Beavouac"
Boydton, Virginia
CE — Army Corps of Engineers

ASCE; SAME; Frank Kappa Sigma; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1, "235 Live", "233 R.H.E.P.", "156 On the Road"; Baldwin Sunday Regulars; Ring Figure Magazine Layout; Ring Figure Entertainment Committee.

Tom came here because he had to. (Sorry, Tom.) Tom arrived in Big Lex after extensive military training at F.U.M.A. and prepping at "the Forest." Our third class year Tom became "the Beaver", probably on a Saturday night R.H.E.P.! In his second class year we wound up at the Fratty Lodge (H.w/S.H.). We could always count on the Beav during time of crisis, be it holding the stick or distributing Q-tips. Beav always seemed to get by academically but we all know he could have torn 'em up. Well B.F.H., this ridiculous game is almost over — we know you will do well. To a helluva roommate and a good ol' boy. Mac My sincere thanks to all who made finishing possible and bearable. T.

DYKES: 1976: Charlie Keen
1983. Chuck Pace

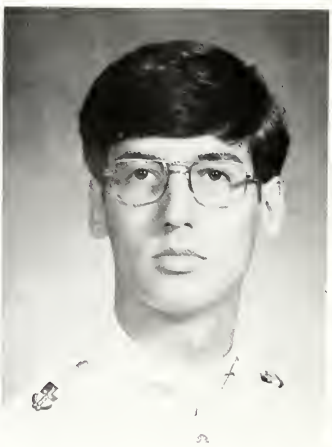
Allen Bane Higginbotham, Jr.

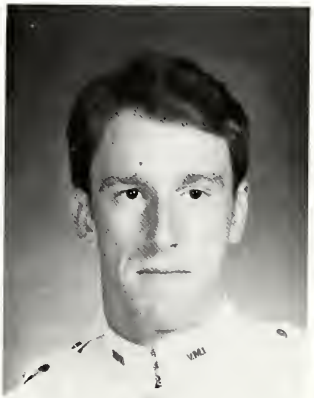
"Weasel, Ferret, Dirty Leg, Big Al, Hig"
Vienna, Virginia
Economics — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; CE 4, 3; Ac Pro 4, 3; Root Cellar 2, 1; Limbo 3, AROTC 2, 1; 10-6-30 2.

A long haired hawk in the PLC at Virginia Wesleyan, Young Higginbotham realized this worthless mistake after a year, cut his hair and came to VMI on the Navy $100 00 a month plan, where it took them a year to realize their worthless mistake. As a rat, weasel found himself amongst Gimco Sensabaugh, Rhino-face Sotos, and "will somebody help me with my hay?" Sholler. As a sophomore he truly consumed the glutinous substance when, on the way to changing majors, his naval connections and his arm were broken. Having nowhere to go (except the Baldwin raid) while serving his 10-6-30 for getting a bean burger during PT's, Allen's popular B.S. became unmatched. This training later aided him in his infamous escape from Poff and the Porkers at Bonanza. Now, on to mega-bucks as a mega-club manager!LDA

DYKES 1976: Pat Barnum
1982: Son Le





James Hunter Higginbotham II

"J, Bird, Henry"
Larmand, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

Firefighter 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; ROSCO'S 3.

You have to go to college somewhere, so why VMI? Cupcake. 3½ cheers to Nectar, C.T., Poke, Homer, and Arass. VMI develops an awareness of reality, "Now, I ain't prejudiced," a vivid picture of life; "He was 6'12" tall," friends you'll never forget; "Jep and Shep" and sincerity; "I didn't take no gas." With a VMI workshop education, you realize you have to watch out for yourself, and there are certain things which you can't let bother you tonight. I'll always remember the trips to the "Old Market" with bypassers exclaiming: "They're the ugliest looking kids I have ever seen on a bus." I couldn't have gotten it down without Rolo, so a farewell to VMI and its Ratline. I'm going back to the farm. All I can say is it ran good the last time we used it.

DYKES: 1976: Hunt Ozmer, Happy Clam
1982: Dave Bratton

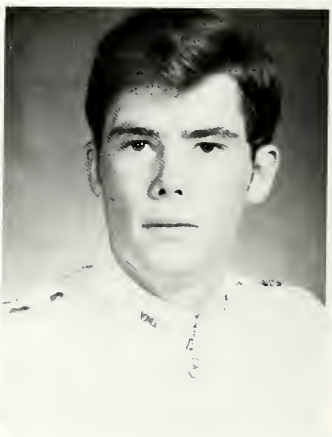
Glenn Edward Higgins

"Higgs"
Maplewood, New Jersey

Economics — Army

Wrestling 4; Rugby 1, New York, New Jersey Club; Firefighters; The Hollow (??); Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 1.

Glenn came to VMI ignorant of the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley, ignorant of the honored traditions and customs of VMI and ignorant of the fact that he was probably better off in New Jersey. Despite a more than average amount of obstacles put before him by the "Beloved" Institute, he was able to set and achieve high academic goals. Glenn has three outstanding qualities that have helped him prosper: diligence, perseverance and the ability to blow it on the weekends. These qualities have brought him the two greatest honors a cadet could hope for: academic stars and a place at the Hollow. Saying that Glenn will prosper after leaving the "I" is unnecessary as his friends already know. Glenn's future endeavors could only bring more distinction and honor than they deserve.



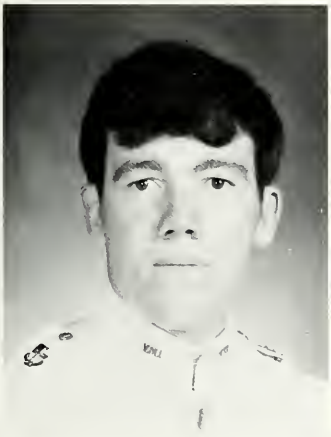
Raymond F. Higgins

"Higgs"
Castine, Maine
Physics, Chemistry — Navy

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Physics Students 4, 3, 2, 1; Sigma Pi Sigma 2, 1; Mardi Gras Crew 3, 2, 1; Room of Gloom 3, 2, 1; Field "49" 3, 2, 1; Dean's Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

After four years of VMI, I guess it's about time to go out and live a little and not just on weekends. Thank you all up in Castine for the times I had and for the occasional letters. Doc, Dale, Joe, W., House, Rite: We had some good times and some "gloomy" times; try to remember the good, I always will.

DYKES: 1976: Ray Ramos
1982: Dave "Orca" Morrison



Stanley Marle Hodges, Jr.

"Sky Man, Wild Dick, Sweet Buns, Staunton Stan"
Bluefield, West Virginia
EE — Navy

Illegal Car Club 4, 3, 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Bathroom Social Club 2; S.P.S. 4, 3, 1; Honor List 3, 2; IEE 1; Circulation Mgr. 1; Computer Assistant 3, 2; Head Computer Assistant 1; Black's Beach Volleyball Club 2.

Stan came with quiet demeanor. Needless to say, appearances can be deceiving. After an initial adjustment period, it was business as usual: Ridge Running, Chasing Girls, and Drinking beer. Many narrow escapes were characteristic of Skyman, but like the shadow, in and out without being caught. He was just a visitor at VMI, stay in long enough to change clothes and take off again. California met Stan in the Summer of '78. It was a mutual friendship with Black's Beach being the big POINT of his trip. Good Lookers often caused Staunton Stan to come in almost late, but he always seemed to beat the stick by a few seconds. His trademark is a black Cobra II. Remember Only the Good Die Young. See you around at his 100th Birthday party. Cheers!

DYKES: 1976: Doug Johnson
1982: Robert Zins

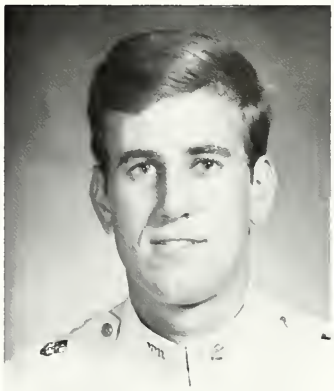
William Wilton Holmes

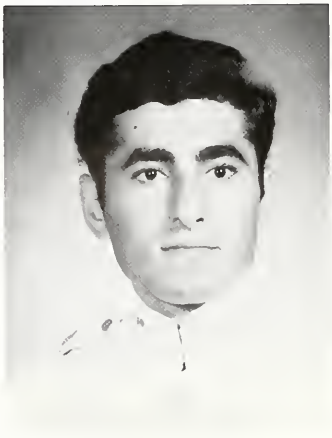
"W.W., Weird Willy, Holmes Ali"
Falls Church, Virginia
C.E. — Naval Aviator

A.S.C.E.; S.A.M.E.; "IMV, Stedyek's 1977 Champions" 3, 4; "KANGAROO" 1; Fraternal Order of B.M.F. 3, 4; Cell Block 37 1, 3, 4; F.I.T.A.S. Rat Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.I.D.O. 1, 2, 3, 4; 137 Ski Trip.

Wilton has always wanted to fly, maybe that's why he's always staring into space. Seriously, "Cell Block, 137-237" could not ask for a more reliable, sincere B.R. He provided the bomber, our transportation 2nd class year and was grounded as a result. Wilton's theory of hibernation became a natural law; Ring Figure Weekend; Wilton was all up during the stick check. There is only one thing Wilton likes to eat more than Randy Mac and S.B. Sweets and that's eclairs. We will never forget, nor will Florida ever forget, W.W.'s blitzkreig of SF's (which almost blew us out of the car) and coconut borrowing. All of us in 137 love Wilton and are very proud to have him so close to us. Wilton is a prime example of how hard work and determination could achieve success and lifting confinement.

DYKES: 1976: Jim Martin
1982: Joel Benefield, John "Cool" Carvil





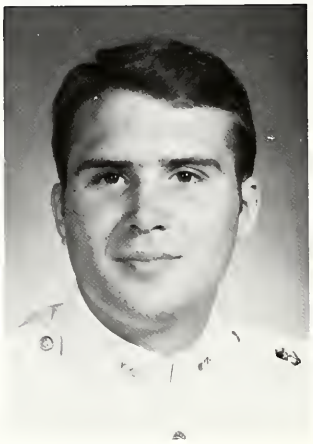
Mohamad-Hosseinpour

"Hoss, HPM, Hosin"
Tehran, Iran
Civil Engineering — Naval Science

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling; Karate Club; RYFL; Weight Training; Handball; International Club; ASCE.

For those of us who were close to Hoss, words can't describe the type of guy he was. When the chips were down, ol' Hoss would give you the shirt off his back to help you out. His understanding was a comfort to many and his quiet mannerisms made him a likeable guy. Hoss has come a long way as most of us have. We will all miss Hoss in our own special way as we go our separate paths. His sense of dedication, pride, honor, and perseverance will carry him through whatever he resolves to be. Who knows, maybe someday Professor Hossein Pour will be a visiting lecturer for the VMI English Dept. Good luck Hoss and though our paths may never cross again, we'll always be friends for life, and who could ask for more?

DYKES: 1976: Peter Gabriel
1982: Robert Shaffer



David Edward Houser

"Homer, House, Side of House, Brick, Mr. S-4"
Rockbridge Baths, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force (Navigator)

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; 1st Btn. S-4; ASCE; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 1; Rugby 4, 1; Field 49 3, 2, 1; Room of Gloom 3, 2.

After Dave's Rat year, I was sure he wasn't going to be an academian, but through hard work, late study, and three summer school sessions, he's going to graduate as a Civil Engineer. I know he'd like to go right into farming, but first he's got the Air Force to reckon with. Airborne! Thanks to Jane and her cooking she's kept Dave and all of his roommates happy. Dave's got what it takes to be a good officer as he's been Color Sgt. twice (Roanoke and Cpt. Sheppard) and now 1st Btn. S-4. I'll always remember the parties at Field 49, seeing the House playing Rugby and all of the times in the Room of Gloom when we abused Higgs. Good luck House! Remember, "Do you like my taters drop you now and pick you up later." "Doc"

DYKES: 1976: Bob Cox
1982: Keith Bohon

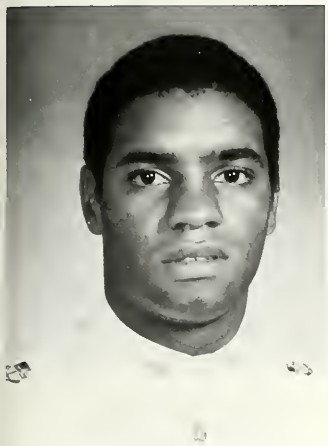
Harold H. Humphrey Jr.

"Chip, Chipper, Hump"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Private and Proud 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Mary Baldwin Raid 2, 1; Sunday Social Club 2, 1; "Gator" Club 2, 1.

Chip's major was Civil Engineering. When Chip needed to do some work it was hard to get him to do anything else. It took about two "come on's" to get him to bag the books and go. Hump found out early that he performed better under pressure (remember a few nighters) but the work always got done. Chipper's motto was "Live for the Weekend" and any party at a woman's college was a check formation. Speaking of check formations, how about summer school? Summer '78 was The Best with the Penthouse, Fratilodge, and Tuesday parties. Go easy on the grain and Good Luck! "Be Young, Be Foolish; But be Happy." Thanks Mom and Dad, for your love and support when I needed it most.

DYKES: 1976: Allen McCarthy
1982: James "Speedo" MacDonald



Carl William Jackson

"Quick Carl, Country, Action Jackson"
Wytheville, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1.

"Life"

Some think life starts on the day you are born,
But I think it starts on that morn
When you wake up and know yourself,
And when you start trying to do things better than anyone else,
It starts when the urge to achieve begins to brew in you,
And you know it is there and you set some idea of what to do
About the things that someone has already planned, that will come much too late,
For they are already filled with hate,
About the way things are in their present state
For these people.
I have but one thing to say to you,
"Life is what you make it, no matter what other people do."
I would like to give my very, very special thanks to my family and roommates.

DYKES 1976: Ronnie "Flee" Moore
1982: Leslie "Dink" Dunnaville

Joseph E. Jenkins Jr.

"Joe"
Clinton, Maryland
C.E. — United States Marine Corps

Cross Country 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1.

Joe's Rat year was one of a Hermit. He courted his studies and track. Not really what you would call the military type, Joe became a master of the shadows, and stayed away from demerits. An avid conversationalist when it comes to wrestling or track, Joe has managed to say the fewest things to the most people. Joe's heart is his biggest asset and now it belongs to the sweetest girl in the world — his future wife Lisa. She also owns all his weekends. Joe's cadetship has been a constant struggle which few cadets I know could have survived; track, wrestling, Civil Engineering and the Marine Corps. Bulldog was Hell! Joe's most trying experiences were listening to my jokes and living with my presence. Good luck little Joe — you'll go far! My mother thinks you are cute little boy!! TFM

DYKES 1976: Rodney Hayes
1982: Bobby Briggs

David Wayne Jeter

"Dave, Jete, Jeterhead, Jeterskis', Dave[2]"
Chester, Virginia
Economics — Army (90 days)

Lacrosse 3, 2, 1; Rebel Yell Club 1; Forget, Hell! Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-President 2.

Four years ago, at this writing, Dave and I were introduced to the Ratline together. What a joke we thought . . . then we lost our hair. We almost lost Dave to VCU but for some unknown reason he stayed and made it through the first year with the famed "groundhog", only to be thrown in with Drew and me for the next three years. His stripes did a disappearing act because he wasn't one to put rank before his friends and raising hell. His unique sense of humor allowed him to laugh at demerits, confinement and his blind dates from Tech (fireplug). As Dave's stay here comes to an end, he leaves behind many friends and two roommates who will remember him as a true friend whose sense of humor has made the rough times not hurt so bad and the good times even better. DLT

DYKES 1976: Charlie Keen
1982: Mack Tabb, Brad Burns

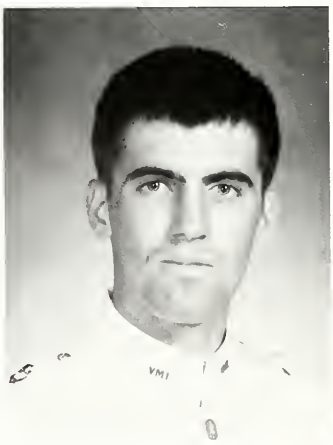
Robert A. Johannsen

"Bob, UB, Atlas"
Chicago, Illinois
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Regt. S-3 1; RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; A.S.M.E. 2, 1; AD-HOC Committee; AUSA 2, 1.

The Dancing Bear came a long way at VMI. From the relative obscurity of Rat year Bob moved up through the ranks to become Regimental S-3. At the same time he became an all too much member of the weight of the world club. Right Buddy!!! Bob's determination to excel always kept him moving — there was never a more organized man in Barracks. Who else would tell Stosh to clean up the mess on Sunday night and kick Henry out of bed when he had hay down, all duty just to clean the room. All kidding aside, Bob will go far because of his determination and ability to get the job done, no matter what the conditions. H&S
Thanks to Henry and Bob for being the greatest and most understanding of roommates; to Dan for all the good times, and to all the many buddies. Good luck and the best success in the future!

DYKES: 1976: Mike Tate
1982: Jim Hickey, Dave Kohler



Edward Allen Johnson, Jr.

"Fu-Bear, Boats, Chester, Block-Head"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd Battalion S-3 1; Bomb 4, 3; Photo Editor 3; Student Grotto 4, 3, President 3; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; F.C.P. 5, 1; Astronomy Club 2, 1; President 2, 1.

I came to VMI thinking I knew what to expect but I soon found out how wrong I could be. I wrestled through my first two years wondering when it was going to get easier. It finally worked out Second Class year with finding myself and realizing what I wanted. My parents, Grigg, Mack, Skeeter, Rod, Bob, Mike and Nick, to mention a few, helped me a lot during my stay here at the "I". The person that helped me the most through these four years was Judy. She was always around when I needed her and never even once did I think I wouldn't make it. Thanks a lot, Sweetie.

DYKES: 1976: Rod Hottle
1982: Bill Vickers

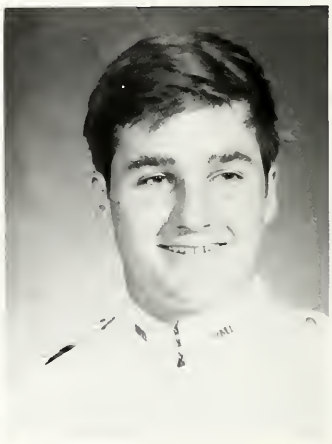
Wallace Brady Jones

"Brad, Brady, Shako, The Phantom, Reverend Jones"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Football 4, 3; Rugby 2, 1.

Brady came to VMI with stars in his eyes and a six pack under his arm ready for the real college life. Unfortunately, it wasn't what he expected. Coming from the Holy City, the change from women and booze to academics and the Military wasn't easy at first. But as the years flew by he was able to find time for both somehow! It's hard to say whether there's ever been a bigger ladies' man to enter the gates of the "I" — we doubt it. Many nights went by that we saw him entertaining carloads of women. How could such a big, goofy-looking guy like him be so sexy to the women; we'll never know. Good luck to one of the best guys we know who will always be ready for the good times.

DYKES: 1976: Hank Dean
1982: William McCathern



Paul C. Jussel

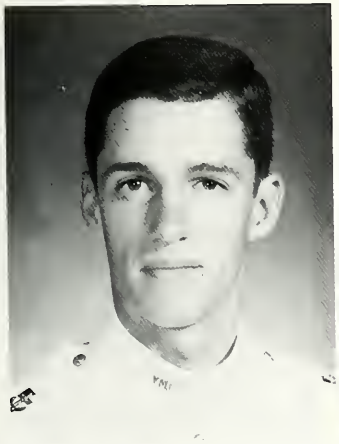
"Jaul Pussel, Cerebral, Tongue, Paul C."
Roselle, New Jersey
History — Army

Vice President, Class of 1979; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; 1st Battalion Commander 1; Hop Escorts 2, 1, President 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 1; GOBLINS; Debbie 3, 2, 1.

Paul, we aren't going to write anything funny about you in your class history because we figured you wouldn't take it as humorous. So we would like to say that talking to you is like talking to wallpaper. Socializing with you is like socializing with Lt. William Calley, and living with you reminds us of the depression. Remember the time you wanted to be our friend but found out we were *already* on guard. We realize you're an expert in your field, but who really cares that the *Monitor* weighed 938.732 tons, O.K. 942.675 tons.

Paul, you have been the temperance and advantage that made "22" what it was. There's not yet another man in the corps we could have been more proud to know. You're a name dropper's dream and a true Brother Rat. You're wise and loyal but who cares if Volkswagens can float.

DYKES 1976: Jeff Totaro
1982: Dewey Martain



John A. Kailey III

"Roscoe"
Waycross, Georgia
Economics — Marine Corps

PLC 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 3, 2, 1 — S-1 1; Cadet Waiter 2, 1 — Assistant Head 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; TC 2, 1.

All of my life I have shied away from the unusual, fearing what it brings. VMI and the Marine Corps has changed this, forcing me into situations, and making me believe in myself. As a Rat, I knew nothing but fear; as a first classman, I know nothing but optimism. As I leave VMI, I believe I can honestly say that I did respect it, although I have cursed it often. May the best come to all my Roomies — Jim, Jim, and Al. I hope to see you in the future. To my parents, I can never begin to thank you for all the love and support you gave me, and I hope that I have made you proud.

DYKES 1976: J. B. Kirk, John Harman
1982: Fred C. Mock
Dave Piening

Nicholas C. Kepf

"Knepf"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Economics — Civilian

Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; Captain 1 (2nd Bn. Co.); Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Cadet Battery 2; Chairman of the Publications Board 1; Posit Committee 1; Editor-in-Chief of the *Cadet* 1, Randolph-Macon Part time Student 1; FCP Five 1, Goblins 1.

What can you say about someone you have survived with for 4 years as our class worked its way down from the top. Nick is someone who will stop at nothing to achieve and do what he thinks is right for himself and others. It never ceases to amaze me how someone can achieve so much in the short time I have known him. Nick . . . I have known you from the time you strained with the best of us, until you became a permanent member of the Randy-Mac Weekend Rompers. I can truly say that I have never regretted a minute of it. Do well in law school; after all I may need your services some day. "If there is anything better than to be loved it is loving." anonymous "But the real and lasting victories are those of peace, and not of war." Emerson

DYKES 1976: Maury Gatewood
1982: Greg Stump

Ashad Keshavarz

"Kesh"
Tehran, Iran
EE — Iranian Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 4, 3; Volleyball 2; Weight Training 2, 1.

It is hard to write about a guy who never says much. Just because he was a quiet guy he still hated VMI just as much as the rest of us. Remember, it will all be worth it in the end. Don't hold your breath. Ashad is lucky to be from Iran. After graduation he will be on the other side of the earth, a maximum distance from VMI. Ashad was forced to come to VMI. He was one of lucky cadets because he had a reason to stay. He helped make VMI liveable. He made it fun. Shine on, you crazy diamond. Good luck. AMN

DYKES 1976: Bhatta, WK, Mott, JR
1982: Albert, MR

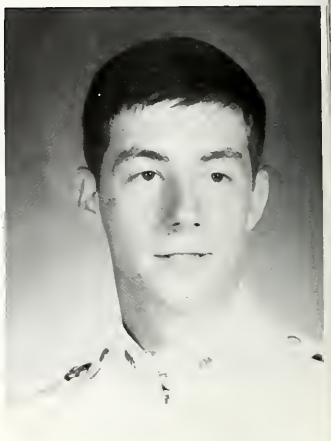
Ahmad Khandan

"A.K."
Ghouchan, Iran
EE — Iranian Navy

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Dean's List; 50 Miles RFYL Certificate (Twice).

Being placed in Room 476 with my roommates from Virginia, Iran, and New York, I thought it was going to be a long rough year ahead of me. But I was proven wrong. After the adjustment to all of our accents I finally found out what the Hell everyone was saying, and things started to run smoothly. But then I started wondering could this foreign student be a spy? When he became a ranker in our second class year I thought he would surely become the next Shah of Iran after graduation. With all the kidding aside Ahmad was and still is a type of guy who doesn't hesitate in helping out others. I really enjoyed rooming with you and Jeff, and I hope you have a successful career ahead of you. I also hope to see you at the alumni reunions. "S"

DYKES 1976: John Preston Johnson
1982: Alex E. Kuchnia



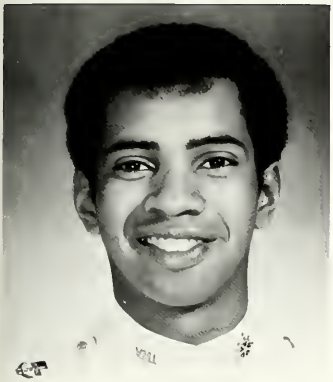
Theodore Christopher Kientz

"Ted, T.C., Teddy, The Nose, Teddi-Knight"
Richmond, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; College Republicans 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Mary Baldwin Raid 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Military Student 1.

Ted came to VMI with high hopes and dreams. His Rat year may have slowed him down but only to make him realize his potential. I met Ted in the summer of '76 — it was an unforgettable summer of Barrack's cooking, water fights, High's ice cream, and weekends in Richmond. Ted became more than a friend, because it was he who helped me out of VMI. T.C. learned one of the toughest lessons at VMI, how to study and get good results. His studies were number one but Ted always left room for the ladies. With only one year left, Ted has seen the worst — continuous late study, confinement, studying on Hop Weekends, and now a ranker. Things can only get easier now! Ted will be a credit to VMI and always a good friend.

DYKES 1976: I. A. Ferguson, Nelson Jeffers
1982: Will A. Council Jr.



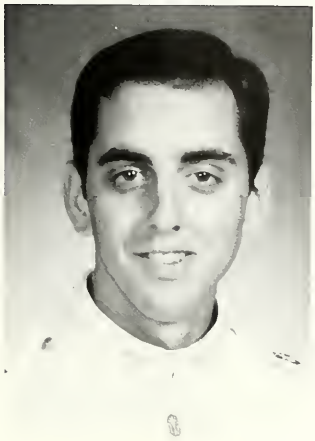
Lawrence DeAndre King

"DeAndre, Flipper, Porn King"
New Rochell, New York

Indoor Track; Outdoor Track; Movies; Sub-Culture

To summarize my cadetship at VMI in a few words is impossible. By being a cadet here I have learned to appreciate many basic things that are taken for granted in the outside world, such as a decent meal, a real bed, being treated according to the rules of society instead of rank, or most of all the joy of having my constitutional rights again. My years at VMI have also educated me in the area of the sub-culture. To sum it all up it's best to say it wasn't always fun, it wasn't something easy, but it's one place in my life I'll never forget. The men I met there will be my friends for life. Good Bye, VMI.

DYKES 1976: Jim Martin
1982: Jay E. Jenkins



David Harris Kopelman

"Kope, Killer, Blackdeath"
Vienna, Virginia
Modern Language — Infantry

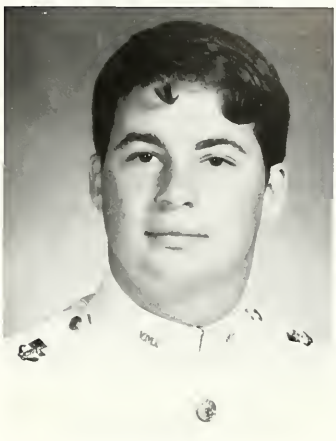
Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 4, 3, 2, 1; Airborne School; Sport Parachute Club 2, 1; Orienteering Club; Rat Training Company Cadre 3, 1; Ma 115-118 Club 4, 3, 2, 1; P.I. Commando 4, 3, 2, 1; Confinement Club.

"We should all sleep more soundly if we made it a rule to play billiards an hour or two each evening."

— Sir Astely Cooper

Thank you Mom and Dad, you did more than your share to keep me sane and put me back in touch. Thanks Brother Rats, it was "interesting", don't forget the binding friendships that made it all worthwhile. Thanks Carl and Gracie at the P.I. for the vast amounts of brew. Thanks to VMI for the lessons in living that will never be forgotten. A few respects also to the foolishness, depravity and good times that go along with any and every "college" experience. Chris and Guy, thank you for rolling my hay.

DYKES 1976: Mike Hamlet
1982: Chris Abbott, Guy Marangoni



Daniel Kornacki

"Nack, Tacky-Nacki, DK, Pudge, Danny"
Woodbridge, Virginia
C.E. — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 1; Black Sheep Rugby Team 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; Hop & Floor Committee 2, 1; Posit Committee 1.

With a hi and a sigh, Danny came to VMI to face an exceptional challenge. Having lived with him through Saturday night wrestling matches, to fine times with a wonderful young lady, I've come to know and appreciate his presence. From dressing him after a first class party to hearing him gloat after a weekend of rugby, I've known him well. His dedication to his friends and brother ruggers has shown evidence for his care and concern for VMI Rugby. Through the good and the bad, understanding encouragement and love poured forth from three very special people; Danny's parents and Cathy. To you three, your efforts have paid off. Danny, may all your days with Cathy be filled with happiness and love.

DYKES 1976: Jerry Eggleston
1982: Joe Forrer

Thomas Raymond Kovach, Jr.

"Kojak, Wild"
Monessen, Pennsylvania
C.E. — Marine Corps

Cpl. 3; Reg. Color Sgt. 2; 1st Lt., Bat. S-3 1; Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Recreation Committee 3, 2, 1; ASCE; ASME; Rat Training Cadre 3; P.I. Club; Rum-Trucking 2; Stoop Patrol 1; Mallory Hall Study Club 3, 2, 1.

I came to VMI knowing little more than the fact that I wanted a degree in engineering and a commission in the armed forces. I was fortunate enough to obtain both, as well as learning the values of honor and good friends. I will never forget all the jams I got into with Slag, Jack, and Andy, or all the things we got away with. Worm, Tree and Lar were good roommates and I hope they are successful in the future. Looking back on it all I had a good four years and would like to thank my parents and all my friends for helping me through.

DYKES 1976: Norman Cole
1982: Paul D'Antonio, Robert Born

Paul George Lachmanek

"Lack Maniac, Pappy, Dragon Tail"
Export, Pennsylvania
History — Armor

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL 4; Tanker Platoon 3, 2, 1; Tank Commander 1; S-5 Staff 2, 1; Orienteering Club 2, 1 — Club President 1; AOT 1; Hokie Patrol 4, 3; Distinguished Military Student 1; Dean's List 3; AUSA 2, 1.

Paul matriculated on 20 August 1975 just another faceless "Rat". He soon showed, however, that he has the drive and determination to be a leader. Highly motivated toward an army career, he was designated DMS. His unfailing ability on the Tanker platoon as a crew member and as a tank commander rode well for this future Armor officer. As a friend Paul is steady: one of those VMI is so famous for. Your friendship has taken me a long way, B.R. See you at the other end of the rainbow. JJC, JR

DYKES 1976: Pascal Houke
1982: Phillip Davis

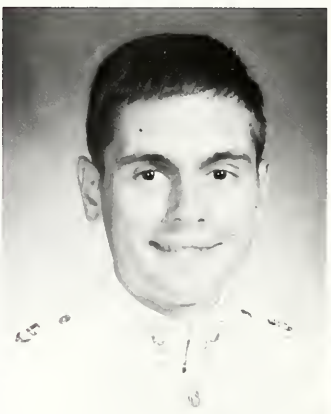
William B. Lamb Jr.

"Laaammmb, Lumpy, Sheep, Bill"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History — Navy (Special Student)

BOMB Staff 4, 2; Cadet Staff 2, 1 (Photo Editor 1); Pvt 4, 2, 1; Civil War Roundtable 2, 1 (Treasurer 2, President 1); VMI Special Combat Team 2, 1; Dean's Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; PX Cowboy 1; LRC 4.

There are those who would be critical of Bill and what he has done at VMI. I am not one of these people. We've had our battles, recognized each other's shortcomings — however, such is to be expected between roommates. Bill has an understanding of human nature and personality; a rare gift in man. He is generous to others, both in money and time. I have never known him to be without a word and a greeting to others. He has withstood abuse which others wouldn't have taken. Greatest of all, he left VMI for a year to go to a REAL college, and had the guts to come back. Bill, thanks for your concern, and luck for the future. Despite the battles, it has been a good cadetship.

DYKES 1976: Jay K. Foertch
1982: Dave Loy



James Jeffrey LaRose

"J.M., Skull, J.J."
Suffolk, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 3; President 1; Weightlifters Society; Geology Lab Assistant; Distinguished Military Student; Cadet Co-Editor — Handbook for Entering Cadets.

James my lad, it's been a great two years as your roommate in residence. An aspiring man you have proven to be. As a Rat, you were determined to get past the first year as a C.E. and ended up with "stars." The academics always did come first. But deciding to take the Army and 90 days over the Navy and four years just to make a "little" more cash on the outside was your wisest move. Always a man of academic convictions ("Why should I waste time on the problem when Virtue couldn't get it in 2½ hours?!"), good advice and a nose for my food box, you have proven your great worth to me and our BR's. Remember our good times as fun loving bachelors. A better man or a truer friend I'll never know.

MSO

DYKES 1976: Greg Speaker
1982: James Edwards

Kirk Leroy Latsha

"Mooch, Peep, Red, Pokey Buns"
Dornsife, Pennsylvania
Modern Language — Infantry

Number One Club; Placement Committee 2, 1; Dean's List 3; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 2, 1; Pvt 4, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Cadet Assistant 3, 1; Lab Aid 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4, 3.

I once heard Kirk say, "I'm only happy when I'm miserable." Four years later his attitude has not changed. The Superintendent once asked Peep if he would like to join the number one club. Peep having heard all the gossip of VMI from his older brother gratefully accepted the offer. While on confinement Red concentrated on wrestling, and he would be a national champ if only he could pin his opponents as fast as he unrolls his hay. After having a brother attend VMI one would tend to believe that Peep would have known VMI better. But Peep believes "that if the uniform looks good, wear it." He will never receive an award for being the best dressed but deserves one for being a kind and understanding best friend. Thanks Laddie, let's graduate. Where's Dornsite?

ELB

DYKES 1976: Billy Karnes
1982: Dennis "Big" Adams

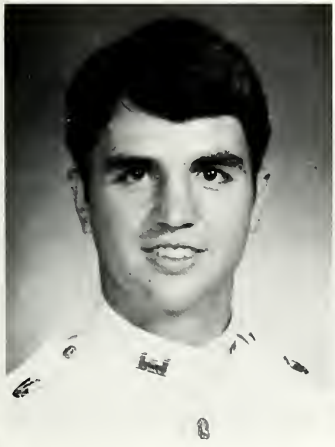
James Lawson Leadbetter

"Sput, Littlest Pervert in Barracks"
Hopewell, Virginia
CE — Army Corps of Engineers

Cadet Newspaper 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 4, Fencing Team 4, 3, OGA 1; DMS; Ring Figure design Committee; Dean's List 4; Tucker Street Gang 3, 2; Delta-Delta Frat 2, 1, Dirty Head Society 2, 1; Cannonball Committee 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; New Market March 4.

Anyone closely related with this man will tell you the same things; he's devious, diabolical, definitely knows how to raise the dead, and best of all, is one to the best friends anyone could ask for. Kepone has played a big role in all Hopewellian's lives and Sput is no exception. No matter what the papers say, it has affected him and all his friends 'cause they definitely aren't right. From New York to Key West, he left a lasting impression to everyone he came in contact with and I know he kept a few beer companies in business. VMI is just a stepping stone as I see it, for I foretell a brilliant future and look forward to a time when we can once again go "Duck for Duck." Good luck, Sput!

DYKES 1976: Keith Dickson, Steve Hiner
1982: Pat McLave, Chuck Proctor



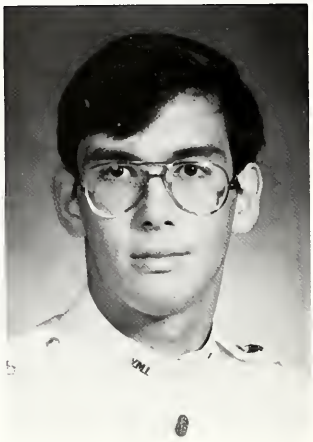
James Ewing Cooley Leavitt III

"Jim, Leavitt-Pour"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Economics — United States Navy

Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; RDC Vice President 1; Hop and Floor Committee; College Republicans; Society of Young Economists — President; V.P. Ring Figure; Econ. Cadet Assistant; Ski Club; Number 2 Club; ROCH; Trou. Court '77; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1.

Attention All Units In Virginia Area! A.P.B. on Leavitt, JEC III, male caucasian 5'9", red hair, redder eyes. Last seen driving through Cissmont in a B-210 at 90 mph with a can of Stroh's beer in hand. Probable destination — Mary Washington College. Subject was wearing Top Siders, Kahki pants, Pink Izod shirt, and a Tweed Sport Coat (Ugh!). Wanted for partying and having fun while attending Virginia Military Institute. Hey Jimbo! They're coming to take you away. Don't worry, I'm sure your folks are still proud of you even though you were caught once before. Just keep on dancing and get those "date stars"! You could always befuddle them with elasticity and GNP or your computer expertise. See ya in Georgetown! J.O.S. III

DYKES: 1976: W. Grigg Mullen
1982: Ned Henson



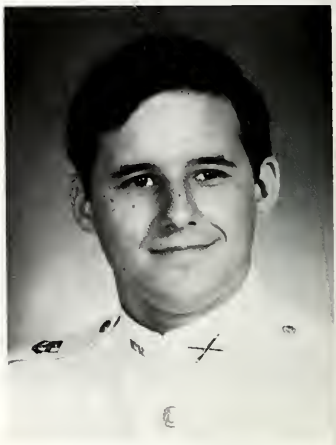
Stanley Leck

"Stan the Man, Bon Vivant, Man About Town"
Waldorf, Maryland
Biology — Army

Wrestling 4.

Stan and I have been riding that dangerous trail called fate for the past year, and I think I can safely say that he's a lunatic, a menace to decorum, the scourge of civilization, and a curse to the BSU. Stan is forever in technicolor, crazy as a half-dead moose, wilder than a baboon. He's one of those special few who cram months into days, feverishly grabbing everything valuable and drop kicking the rest. You can't help but love the pin-head in spite of his concussions, breakages, and bruises, his whirling moods inflict. Speaking for Dummy, Ed and the rest, I can't say good luck Stan — he doesn't need it, rather, I should say good luck world — you don't know what you're in for.

DYKES: 1976: Doug Fitchett
1982: Mark Shifflette



Dennis Raymond Loba

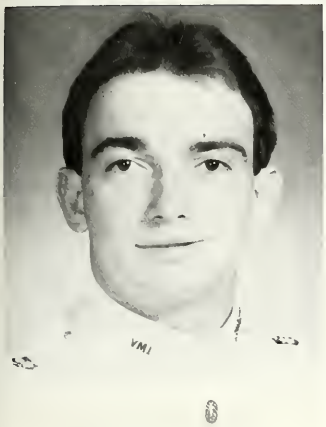
"Dad, Doc, Pops"
Crozet, Virginia
History — Army, Field Artillery

Rat 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Cpl. 2; Civil War Roundtable 3, 2, 1; Vice-Pres. 2; 1979 Bomb, Institute Ed. 1; Little John II Crew 1; Lacrosse 3; Jackson's Btry 3, 2; Mary Baldwin No. 4 Club 2; Malvern Hill Relic Club 3, 2; Cent. Michigan Univ. 4½; Brother Rat '80.

Dennis embarked upon the VMI experience with the advantage of having "tasted the good life" at a civilian college, Central Michigan. From the outset, we in Echo Co. recognized Dennis' experience and maturity and he soon became referred to by his Brother Rats with such nicknames as Dad, Doc , or Pops. Whether it was a late night snack in Room 319 Bar and Grill or a much needed respite at Rose Valley Farm, the Loba hospitality has been an inspiration to many a cadet. Best wishes in the future, Dennis. — HMF

My deepest thanks to Mom and Dad, who have instilled in me the will to succeed, Susie for her love, Jim for giving me a goal to achieve, and to the VMI and my BR's of 1980, Good Luck, Good-Bye and I'm off down the road."

DYKES: 1977: Glenn A. Trimmer
1982: Myself



Kelly A. Lombard

"Pinhead, Lomboe"
Bridgeport, Connecticut
History — Armor

Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Well, what can I say, four years and it is finally over. So much has taken place that it is too hard to put into words. I can say truthfully that I won't miss VMI, but I will miss the people, especially those acquaintances made during those four God-forsaken years. Without their guidance, help and generalities of friendship, it would have been much more difficult to survive. To them I say "Thank you and Good Luck" with special thanks to: My super Parents and family, my future wife Louise, the coaches and their families, Mike and John, "FS, Mad Dog, Kro, Ski, Dish, Rock, Mongo, Bones, Big H," etc. . . . The list is endless. Again, thanks, and I hope we've all taken away something we may treasure for years . . . love and friendship.

Love You All,
"The Pins"

DYKES 1976: Tom "FS" Watjen, Curt "Mad Dog" Reppart
1982: Jim O'Brook, Gary Mackin

Howard Chapman Lucas, Jr.

"Chappy, Hal, Luke, Lucan"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineering

Cpl. 3; First Sergeant 2; Cadet Captain — C Company Commander 1; SAME 2, 1; Program Chairman 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; S-5 Tour Staff 3; Chairman Public Relations Committee Ring Figure '79; MK, A&C Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1, President 1; Society of American Special Students 3, 2, 1; VMI Association of Day Students Anonymous 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who 1.

When I came to VMI four years ago, little did I realize the road ahead. The many frustrations of a Rat, the academic grind as a Third, the Ring as a Second, and the hope of getting out as a First. Now as I prepare to leave VMI more a citizen than a soldier, the years seem so short. The one thing I regret is the leaving behind of many close friends made here at VMI. How can I ever tell them how much their friendships have meant? Then too, how do you thank all of those special people who have seen you through a place like this? To my family, especially to Mom and Dad, I want to thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart. Perhaps I have taken the road less traveled by . . .
HCL '79

DYKES 1976: Bob Keneally
1982: Eric Karel, Rusty Wood

Frank Fletcher Lumpkin

"U.F., Rooster, F, Lumpy"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Fratty Lodge 2; Ring Figure Entertainment Committee; Promaji; Intramural Basketball Champs 2; 261 Power — BSR; Society of Young Economists 2, 1.

I guess the best way to start this is with — "How the hell are you." Rooster could down a Bud and wing the ball with the best of em. Seriously though we all know about #10. We will never forget Mary Lane, Fratty Lodge, MBC Sundays and other various and sundry intoxicated tim.es. I firmly believe Lump could make friends with anyone. His easy going lifestyle has made my four years at this institution bearable, you couldn't ask for a better friend. Everyone who knows him or ever been in contact with him knows what I mean. Thanks U.F.

To the ones whom I hold my deepest love and respect; mom, tit, Nip, Dump, Nubs, Mac, BSU, Mae and Steve — You made it easy.

DYKES 1976: Mark Rinnan
1982: David "Scotch" Sills, Richard "Dick" Collier

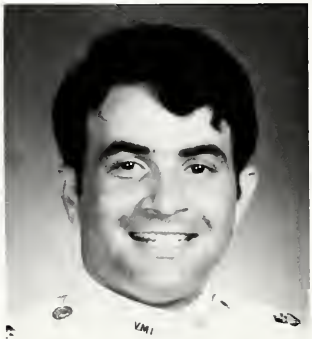
Stephen Craig Lyon

"Leon, Tee-Bee, Earnie"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Army (Artillery)

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Honor Court 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; DMS; Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; Business Manager *BOMB*; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, 1; President 1; Hop and Floor Committee 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K Club 1; Society for the Prevention of Calc. I 4, 3, 2; MBC Raiders 3, 2.

When I first arrived at that garden spot of the Valley, also known as VMI, it was only with the greatest effort that I stayed. However, soon after receiving my first Rat haircut and Special Report, I determined that VMI really wasn't all that bad. The memories that I leave behind will grow faint with time, but the friendships I've made shall be held high and remembered for the rest of my life. All thanks to the following: Mom, Dad, Jean, Ann, Billy Mac, Bruce, and John. Mory, I promise that I'll name my first born after you! Brenda, I thank you for your inspiration, your help and guidance, and most of all your love.

DYKES 1976: Tom Moody
1982: James Larry Gibson, David Reynolds



Said Mahdaviani

"Said, Sayeed"
Arak, Iran
Civil Engineering — Iranian Navy

At the beginning of our second class year I found myself rooming with the great General Mahdaviani of the IIN. Quickly being put in the rather dubious position of private and aide I somehow managed to maintain my sanity through a very eventful year. As it progressed I learned that the General was a very successful man with the ladies who harbored dreams of a black Trans-am and graduation. Returning for our first class year I found out that the General had realized one of these ambitions in the form of a shiny new Trans-am. This was used to leave VMI just about every weekend. The best of luck in the IIN, I know you'll do well.

FCD

DYKES 1976: Raymond David Harrell
1982: Mike Dahlinger

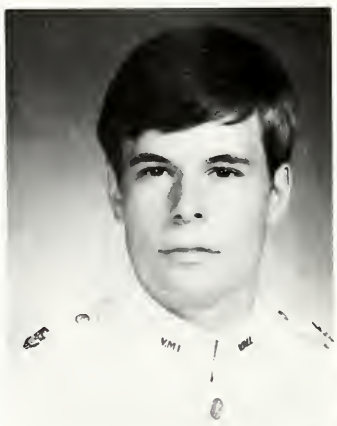
Farshod Majadian

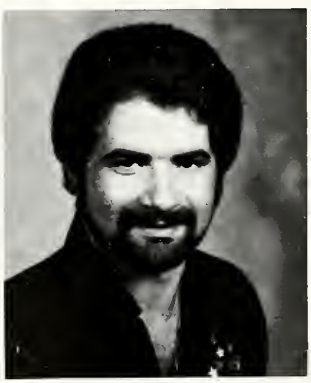
"Camel Driver, Sandy, Cracker Jack, Mad Dog"
Tehran, Iran
EE — Imperial Iranian Navy
Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Karate Club 3.

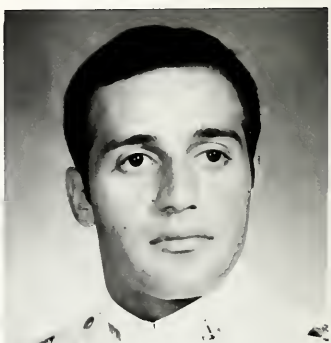
Farshod, you've always impressed us with ceaseless devotion to idealism. Many of us fell short and wove accomodation between our principals; this you never did. Above all, this has distinguished you amongst us. To know you professionally was one thing, understanding you personally was even more inspiring. We'll never forget our lessons, but Farshod, the lessons we should abide by most of all is brotherly love: to BR's, to friends down the line. We never liked to show it but I know we always felt it through the adversities, set backs, disappointments, and now with success. You'll return to Mom and Dad, Majidian, their beloved son. Tempted by adversities and the alienation you've withstood as a foreigner in a culturally hostile prison. If I sound melancholy it is only because Iran's gain is my loss. I'll remember you as I cross my heart at meals. God's speed.

Sandy

DYKES 1976: Doug Ashton
1982: George Mayforth







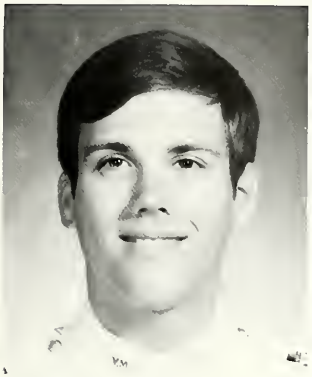
Thomas Francis Manley II

"Tom, Juh, Star War"
Alexandria, Virginia
Chemistry — Marine Corps

Wrestling 4; Treas. American Chemical Society 1; RDC 1; Student Grotto 1; PX Assistant 2, 1.

The lessons the past four years have taught me I will use as a reference for the rest of my life. I hope knowledge I have gained will provide me the tool to make up for time I have lost. I could not have made it this far without the support of my God, parents and friends. My dykes always told me that I could get a better education elsewhere but nowhere would I find better friends or greater honor. I feel they were right! Special thanks to Joe and Phil my roommates. I wish them only the best. Joe, I'll see you either in Canada or at Basic School. To my dykes and brother Jerry, I leave the Institute — "Make the best of a bad situation". All I have left to say is "Praise the Lord, I'm almost free"!

DYKES 1976: Tom Turlip
1982: Bill Caufield, Jeb Snider



George Anthony Marentic

"G.M."
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Economics — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4. 3; Tanker Plt. 3, 1; MBC Raiders 2; Free Agent 1.

If there is a way, I shall find it.
If thereis no way, I shall make one
To my family all I can say is thanks, for you made the way.

DYKES 1976: Greg Lucado
1982: Kevin Smith

Glen Robert Marohn

"Chip"
New Providence, New Jersey
History — Armor

Baseball 4, 3; "Black Sheep" Rugby 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2; NY-NJ Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Intramural Basketball Champs; Big Mac Club.

When room 450 gazed upon Chip for the first time, we all knew that VMI was in for quite a four years. After the room worked Chip into prime condition, he refused to let our work go to waste. He immediately displayed his prowess in the fast food arena of New Providence. Chip has adjusted his goals away from a career in the military, primarily due to the examples of the "experts" which he has been burdened with at VMI. After re-evaluating the situation, Chip has sites on being the ideal citizen soldier with the emphasis on citizen. To this end Chip has dedicated what ever spare time he has to an extensive training program in the civilian arts.

For four years Chip has been a true and loyal friend who could always be counted on. RWB

DYKES 1976: John Strock
1982: Mark Kempsell (Buggsy), Ron McGovern (Mac)

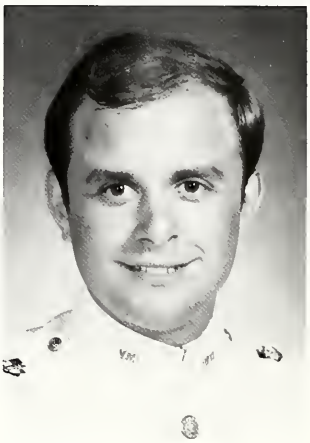
David Kenton Marshall

"Ken"
Front Royal, Virginia
Physics — Navy

"I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was specter — gray,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eyes of day.
The tangled vine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And ever spirit upon earth
Seemed fervorless as I."

Thomas Hardy



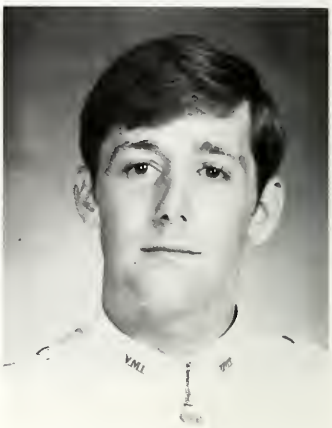
Richard Hepworth Maslin

"Dick, Cousin, Cous, Mas, Maslow"
Westfield, New Jersey
History — Air Force (1-P)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; International Relations Club 4; *VMI Cadet* Staff 4, 3; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; SFYL 3, 1; N.Y.-N.J. Club 4, 3; F.I.P. 1; "181 Club" 2, 1; S.S.N.V. 2, 1.

Coming to VMI was the biggest shock of my life! However, after four years, I can say that I'm glad I came, and stayed. VMI has definitely proven to be an experience — I have learned more about myself here than I could have anywhere else. The first two years weren't that great — but my Second Class year was definitely the beginning of better times. Weekends were never boring — thanks to Rob, Bob, Pat, Bill and Jan. Then in October I met Sue, and have never been happier. Those nights "studying" in the library and Lejeune Hall made it almost seem like college. Finally, I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Tad, Jim, John, Betsy, and "Q" — you all provided support in your own way, and I couldn't have even done it without you. Thanks!

DYKES: 1976: Carroll Ray Warner III
1982: William "Baron" Tyminski



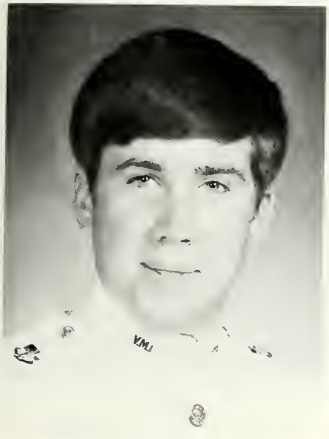
Douglas Arnold Mauck

"Elmo, Doogie, Grandpa, Muck, Douglas, D.A.M."
Richmond, Virginia
History — Army

Baseball Fan Club (0); Football Manager 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club 2, 1; Ruby Bagonia Fan Club 1.

When I entered the VMI barracks on August 20, 1975, I knew my life was going to change somewhat. If what everyone has been telling me for the past few years about VMI building character is true, then I have had my share of a built-up character. Academic problems at times, confinement (most of the time), and that wonderful feeling of homesickness all joined together to make the "I" a hard place in which to live, but I finally made it. Without the help of friends such as my roommates, the crazy people from next door, and a few townies, I never could have survived the VMI system. Thanks to my mother and father, ASC, my brother, (dad #2), and his wife and the Miller Brewing Company I finally finished VMI. I guess now I will be able to see if VMI really is as great as most (99.9%) of her alumni say it is.

DYKES: 1976: Phil Upton
1982: Todd Minnix, Pete "Lucky" Foster



Robert Self Maxey Jr.

"Rob, Bad, Rolo, The Max"
Buckingham, Virginia
C.E. — Army

Rugby 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Football 3; Hop and Floor.

This is the farmboy, who came to VMI, found a home in the CE department, and struggled through Scott Shipp. I managed to lose many hours study as Jay and I were probably the first to ever farm in Mallory. Dean, Mark, Rick, the OS and I will remember the many weekends we struck out to find women and wine. The best of luck to Phil (the best barber I ever had) and to Mark and Dean. I must leave these two my luck as it seems they have little. The fun nights in Mallory have to include Nectar as he was usually the main target for: RP, LIL and GONP. Many bad and good memories will be left behind these hateful walls. I will try to remember only the good. The best of luck to everyone.!

DYKES 1976: Clyde Furr
1982: Kent Higginbotham

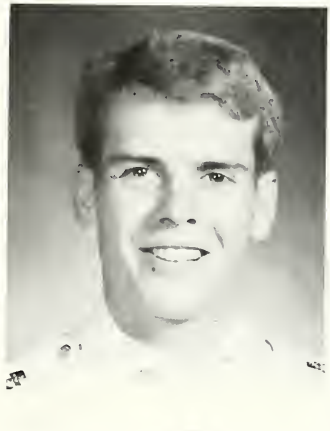
Craig Raymond Maxson

"Action, Resident CE"
Hartsville, Pennsylvania
C.E. — Army (Artillery)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Bugler 4, 3, 2, 1 (Head Bugler 1); Commander of Little John II 1; Drum Major 2; Rangers 4; Cadet Battery 2, 1 (Commander 1); ASCE 3, 2, 1; UNCG Weekend Visitation Club 1; Number One Club 1; Illegal Vehicles Club 2.

It has been a crazy four years rooming with the wild bomb-throwing pyro from Philly . . . He made it all the way to room 105 and part-time student status. Craig's ingenuity has never ceased to amaze me — who else could build a million and one gadgets from a coat hanger, make a lethal weapon out of coke cans and a tennis ball and manage to avoid playing in the All-American Gansz Band for one year. His ability to enjoy himself is amazing — how many other CE's used all their weekends. And I don't mean studying. Craig's indomitable personality will undoubtedly carry him far beyond these four gray walls. There is nothing but success in the future for the Blue Max. May the wind always be at your back, Brother Rat.

DYKES 1976: Henry J. Foresman
1982: Richard F. Kiester



Curtis Lee McCabe

"Mac"
Hampton, Virginia
English — Infantry

Band, Pep Band, Drum Major; Sounding Brass; Cadet Newspaper; Hop and Floor.

Three parties are to take equal blame for this. Dad and Mom, you put me up to it, and kept me punching. Brother Rats, we did it together. And Honey, you made it so worthwhile. God Bless you all, as my words alone could never thank you

DYKES 1976: Mike Conley
1982: John Hargreaves
Darren McDew

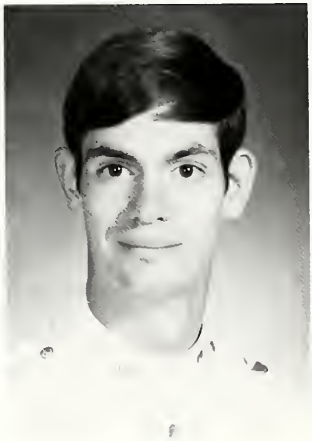
Michael Robert McCarthy

"Mike, Mac, Miller"
Aurora, Illinois
History — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; PX Coffee Club 3, 2, 1; P.I. Vet. 3, 2, 1.

It seems an eternity since August 20, 1975. Graduation, which lurked so far in the future, is here at last. Each year brought challenges and obstacles to be hurdled. One of the biggest problems was maintaining sanity in a sometimes insane world. VMI is a great teacher of the value of friendship. My friends are what made this place bearable. Many times I've been down and someone lifted my spirits whether they knew it or not. I wish you guys all the best. Most of all I want to thank my parents for their support during these four trying years. I couldn't have made it without your love and understanding.

DYKES: 1976: Tom Brooks
1982: Tom Farmer



Thomas Richard McCarthy

"Mac, Rick, Tom"
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
EE — Navy

"They throw in Drummer Hodge, to rest
Uncoffined — just as found:
His landmark is a kipje-crest
That breaks the veldt around;
And foreign constellations west
Each night above his mound.

Young Hodge the Drummer never knew —
Fresh from his Wessex home —
The meaning of the broad Karoo,
The Bush, the dusty loam,
And why uprose to nightly view
Strange stars amid the gloam.

Yet portion of that unknown plain
Will Hodge forever be;
His homely Northern breast and brain
Grow to some Southern tree,
And strange-eyed constellations reign
His stars eternally."

Thomas Hardy

William Edward McCarthy

"Bill, Billy, Billy Mac, Disco, McDumpy"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History — Army (Artillery)

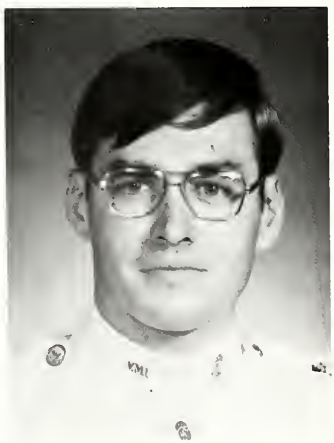
Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee; S-5 Staff; Honor Court 1; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Reg. S-5 Sgt. 2, Reg. S-5 Captain; Dean's List 3, 2; Academically Distinguished 1; DMS.

Bill came here with a desire to excel and has done very well. He has accomplished everything he has set out to do by hard work and respect. Billy Mac and I go way back and have had some great times together. He has a winning Personality and has made many friends at the "Big I". Many a woman's heart has been captured by Billy's great sense of humor and dancing ability. Always a man who believed in the V.M.I. tradition, it wasn't hard to get Billy to go to a party or consume a few "Brews". Thanks for a great roommate and many road trips. Good Luck!

Brewster

I made it Big Al; thanks for your guidance.

DYKES: 1976: Ray Brooks
1982: "Dee" Shannon



Carlyle Carter McCrowell Jr.

"Daddy"
Lexington, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

ASCE; Ski Club, Sports Car Club; Football 4

When I came to this Institute four long years ago I really didn't know what I had in store for myself. With the help of some very close friends I have been able to make the past four years bearable here at the "Mother I". I wish to show the deepest appreciation for the following people:
David (Little Papa) Crim: Good luck Tarzan and Hun. A great roommate and friend.
Mrs. Williams: A great future mother-in-law. Thanks for all those meals.
Mom: I couldn't have done it without her.
Thanks for always being there and standing beside me.
Alice: My fiancee for four long years. She has been the light of my life, always beside me and always looking out for me. I truly love her and couldn't do without her. (Just wait until August 18, 1979).

DYKES 1976: Pete Friesen
1982: Byron Welsh

Richard A. McDonough

"Rich, RAM, Red Head, Donut"
Staunton, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Football 4; Golf 3, 2, 1; Gladiators 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1 — Treasurer 1; Posit Committee 3, 2, 1; ASCE; I Phelta Thi Fraternity; Ghetto 4, 2, 1; HBI 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

The end! It is finally here. From Rat Line to Dyke City we have fought our way to the end of the rainbow, I only hope the pot of gold is still there. To the "Getto Gang"; Heat, Ollie, Nichie, The Greek, The Spic, HNIC, T. W. Mule, Spotts, Peel, Willie P., Zeb, The Calif. Kid, Shelts, Honyah, Sideburns, It was great. How will we ever forget the good times we shared. Remember, when things get tough and looking bad just repeat; "The VMI Motto." Jay, good luck and I Hope you reach your goals. Nick, you're one of a kind, see you in the real world. To Mom, Dad and Debbie, thanks for your support, without you I couldn't have made it.

DYKES 1976: Rand Sompayrac
1982: Del Ertzner

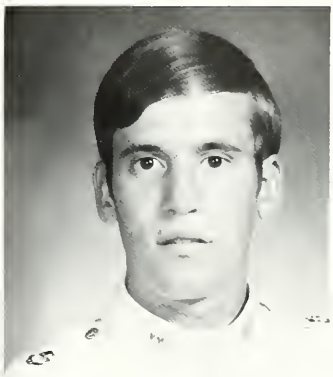
Richard Keith McGruder

"Rich"
Arlington, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 2, 1; Cadet 4; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 3, 2, 1; Inaurural Contingency 3; TCFC '79 3, 2; Number 3 Club 1; MBC Raid 3, 2; Apathy Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Dawn Fan Club President 4, 3, 2, 1.

I wish I had left, but it is probably best that I stayed. If I could do it over . . . I would not have to make the decision. The VMI helped me in several ways. If not for the morning sunrise to spread her light and brighten my days . . . I would have died in total . . . darkness . . .

DYKES 1976: Van Ardan
1982: Sam Wood



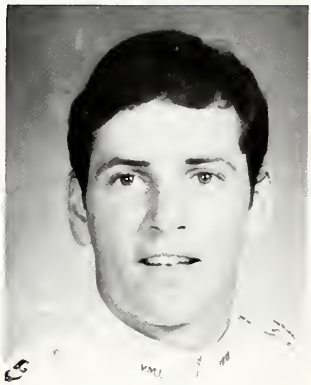
Brian Gerald McKeever

"McNich, Chuck, Pizza Man, Schlitz"
Troy, New York
Economics — U.S. Navy

Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Orienteering Club 4; Navy Scholarship; P.I. Commando 4, 3, 2, 1; Coffee Club 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3; Cadet Assistant 2.

The past four years have been an experience I will never forget. I would never have made it without the P.I. and Booth Number 5. I have learned many things both in and out of textbooks, but most of all, I have learned about life. All of us complain about the system, but eventually I think all of us will say that it was worth the sacrifice. I have faced many hardships and injustices while going here, and because of them, I'm a better man. I want to wish all of my Brother Rats good luck as we begin the fulfillment of our dreams. Finally, to my Father, I want to thank you for all your encouragement through the years, and for the sacrifices you made for my education. Thanks Dad.

DYKES: 1976: Norm Cole
1982: John Lewis, Clement Zotto



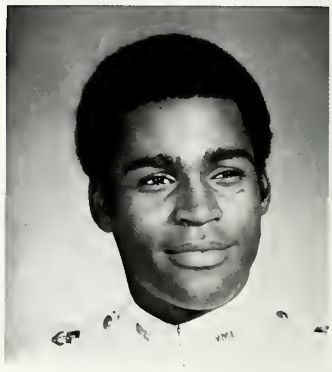
Jeffrey Clark McLean

"Orange-peel, Peel Head, Peel, O-P, Nappy Head"
Clermont, Florida
EC — Army Armor

Dean's List; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football; S.C. Champs 2; Track, Conf Champs 2; Bomb Sports Editor 3; Monogram Club, Vice Pres. 1; FCA; Ghetto; Fro-Bro; HBI; All Patchin 1st Team.

Surviving at VMI can be described by the words of Jimmy Buffett "Roll with the punches, play all of your hunches. Make the best of whatever comes your way. What you lack in ambition, make up with intuition, plowing straight ahead come what may." The love and support of my family was a valuable booster. Mom and Dad you're the greatest. I have made the greatest friends here, they kept me going in the hard times. Football was fun, but its continual frustrations kept me from getting the most out of it. Thanks Dyke for getting me started on the right foot. Coach King, your help was appreciated. Thank you Lord for helping me to persevere through VMI. I can't believe I really made it.

DYKES: 1976: Jimmy Lofton
1982: Disco Moose Ebersole, P. Scott White



Gary Tyrone McNeal

"McDog, Neal"
Cincinnati, Ohio
History — Army

"I live not in myself, but I become
Portion of that around me; and to me
High mountains are a feeling, but the hum
Of human cities torture: I can see
Nothing to loathe in nature, save to be
A link reluctant in a fleshly chain,
Classed among creatures, when the soul can flee,
And with the sky, the peak, the heaving plain,
Of ocean, or the stars, mingle, and not in vain.

And thus I am absorbed, and this is life:
I look upon the peopled desert past,
As on a place of agony and strife,
Where, for some sin, to sorrow I was cast,
To act and suffer, but remount at last
With a fresh pinion; which I feel to spring,
Though young, yet waxing vigorous, as the blast
Which it would cope with, on delighted wing,
Spurning the clay-cold bonds which round our being cling."

George Gordon

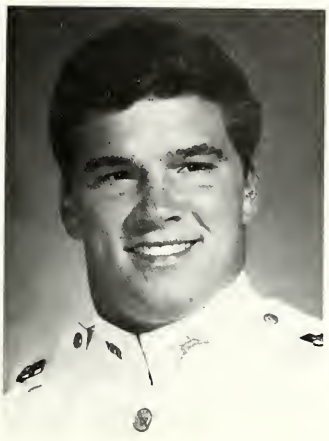
Michael Mendez

"Mikey, Boy, Pineapple, Islan Boy, Tennessee Toddy Mike, Magilla, Miguelito"
Waipahu, Hawaii
History — Air Force

Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Karate Club 4; Newman Club 4; BSU 4; College Republicans 4, 3; TCFC 3, 2; Ring Figure Committee 3, 2; ROA 2, 1; Cadet Recreation Committee 3, 2, 1; VMI Cadet 1.

It's kind of hard to sum up four years of friendship in a few words. We've sure had some good times though, I know I'll always remember them. I hope that you find everything you're looking for in life. I know the Air Force is getting a good man. I hope we can keep in touch with each other in the years to come, let's hope our paths cross a lot. I can't think of anything else to say other than I'll always value your friendship and hope that I've been half the friend to you that you've been to me. P.T.U.

DYKES 1976: David Copp
1982: Jose Suarez



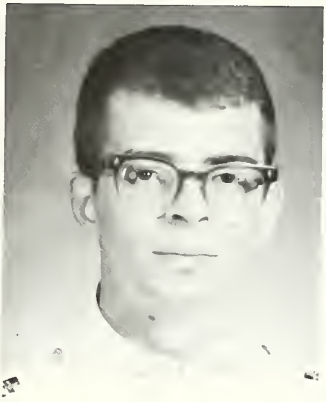
William Massie Meredith, Jr.

"Maefield, Pus Tickets, Bill"
Richmond, Virginia
English — Armor

English Society 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 1; "Rams" 3; Football 4; Tennis 2; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse Tri-Captain 1; "233" RHEP; Fratty Lodge 2; GDAT 4, 3, 2, 1.

Massie made the journey from Orange to Lexington seeking the typical College life but since W & L was full, he ventured next door. Maefield could always be counted on for a few. We can't forget the numerous road trips in the "BEAR" to Baldweenie, Charlottsville, Virginia Beach and the summer at the Fratty Lodge. Inevitably in search of the THO, he even got it a few times. Seriously, Massie is a hell of a competitor; just ask that boy from Hampden Sydney. Mae was always there to lend a hand, no matter what was asked of him. My four years with him, through the good times and bad, he always seemed to ease the pain a little. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything; and to all the boys: Give 'Em Hell.

DYKES 1976: Buzzy Moncure
1982: Stuart Byrd



Shane Michael Miller

"Mitch"
Flagstaff, Arizona
History — Army

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; Sears 2, 1; Cross-Country — Rack 4, 3, 2; Marathon Man 3, 2, 1; AUSA Military History Award 3.

I left the land of the "Big Sky", for this "healthful and pleasant abode" in the summer of my eighteenth year. I suppose I harbored the same illusions of grandeur many do as one steps through Jackson Arch the first time. So began a voyage which was to take me from the depths of Dante's Inferno to the height of Mount Olympus, in the short space of three years. My VMI life has at times, resembled the life of a medieval monk. However when things became a little too profound time was found for an occasional Saturday Night of mild debauchery or a few hours of masochistic ecstasy, better known as a marathon. The little triumphs and disasters of these VMI years have been weathered with the poise only VMI can give to a person. Thanks Mom and Dad.

DYKES 1976: Simon Radomskyj
1982: Handie Podo

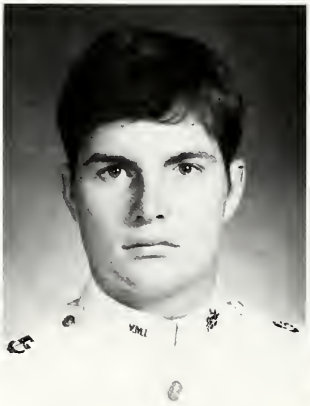
Jeffrey Bryant Minnix

"Jeff, Ernt, Minna, Jeffles"
Lexington, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

J.V. Football 4; Football Manager 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; DMS; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 2, 1.

Well, it's finally here. Four years sure went by fast. That first one was bad having to room with "Precious" and that guy from St. Louis who always got smelly letters. Dyking with Peel, F, Hose, Spotts, Maury, Pekarik, and Seay. Then I put up with Fahrenheit Fred, the Mad Alabaman and Jayser for two years. Then with Fred and Precious for the last one along with Hashemi and Jelly-Head. "Looking out at the road rushing under my wheels. Looking back at the years gone by like so many summer fields. In sixty-five I was seventeen and running up one-o-one. I don't know where I'm running now, I'm just running on." Thanks Mom and Dad, Todd, and Leslie. Stick it out Todd, it's worth it.

DYKES 1976: Jimmy Lofton
1982: Mike Straub



Thomas K. Mitchell

"Thumb, T.K. Mitch"
Bluefield, Virginia
Economics — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3; JV Football 4, 3; RFYR 2, 1; OGA 1; Timmins Music Society 2, Treasurer 1; Reg. Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Econ. Coffee Club 3, 2; VMI Firefighters 1.

Now here is a good 'ole boy from Southwest Virginia (born in West Virginia by Gawd!) with an accent straight out of Appalachia's most illiterate moonshine country. What he can do to the English language would make a hick from Tupelo, Mississippi cry in disbelief. Tom is a good natured cuss most of the time. However, sometimes at night or during the day he can get terribly riled up. This happens most especially when he wrestles that big old bear he has in his room. That bear hasn't lost yet but watch out! Some day this 'ole boy will find that sugar mountain with the Barkers and the coloured balloons . . . RSVP. On the serious side, it has been a long four years! Greatest thanks to my family for making it bearable.

DYKES 1976: Barry "Bur" Helsm
1982: Rick Wilson

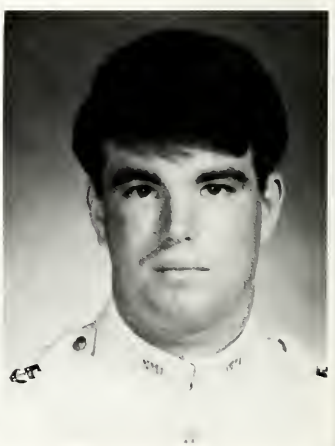
Lawrence Lee Moise III

"Mr. Sunshine, Lee, Lucky Loser"
Newark, Delaware
C.E. — Special Student

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Military Society 2, 1; Dean's List 4; SFYL Club; Fencing Manager 1; Survivor of Room 456; Member of "Gang of Three"

After four years at the Institute, Mr. Sunshine has finally made it. Ever since our matriculation, Lee has been looking forward to graduation day. He has always been known to enjoy a good beer uptown and cavort in the streets of Lexington. All this fun was highlighted early in his cadetship at Greensboro with beer, beer, and more beer. Too bad its not an annual affair. Being an L.A. at heart, he has had a rough time pressing up the hill of science in NEB. A rather common problem. But despite it all, Lee loves it here, even if he won't admit it. Lee, Good Luck in the future with all your experiences gained at VMI.

DYKES 1976: Mike Outten
1982: George Hansen



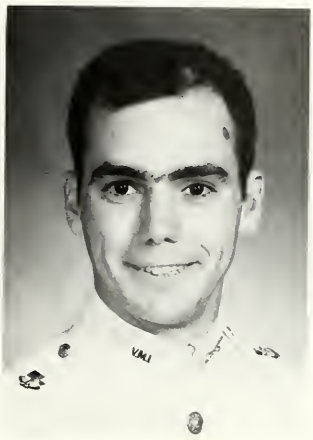
Ali Moradi

"Ali"
Tehran, Iran
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; RYFL.

Ali came to VMI under different conditions than most people. We were all in a different environment, but Ali was in a different country altogether. He not only had to adjust to the VMI ways, but also had to adjust to the American ways from his Persian ways. The first year was a little rough, but Ali came through. I admire him for the way in which he caught onto the American way of life. I wish I knew another language and its customs as well as he does English. Rooming with Ali for the past three years has been great. He is a very strict person and likes things to be neat and in the right place, as I do. Rooming with him has shown me that people in the world can get along if they try. Good Luck in the future.

DYKES: 1976: Strock, J. P.
1982: McEvoy, R.A.



Robert C. Morris

"Uncle Stosh, Stosh"
Newton, Connecticut
English — Infantry (Airborne Type; 1 ea)

VMI Theater 4, 3; Ranger Plt. 4, 3, 2; AUSA 2, Treasurer 1; Airborne School 3; Rock Climbing School 3; Bomb Staff 4, 3, Outrage Editor 1; Rat Training Cadre 2, 1; Townes Award 2; Sounding Brass 2, 1; VMI Cadet Staff 4, Illicit Activities Editor 3, Managing Editor/ Shafted 2.

Uncle Stosh has to be one of the most controversial characters in the history of VMI. He's been on the Supe's most wanted list for a few years now, yet he still owns a great amount of respect from many others. Giving? Ask him for a buck and he'll give you a five. Friendly? Ask about his broom, clock, or Mickey Mouse glass. I've broken them all, but I'm always forgiven. Thank you Stosh for the best years of my life. ". . . the soldier who has seen the swords glittering over his head and streams of blood under his feet does not care about rocks thrown at him by the children on the streets."

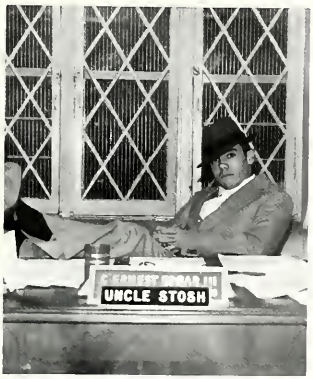
DYKES: 1976: Bruce Undercoffer
1982: Andy Burris, Dave Holzbach

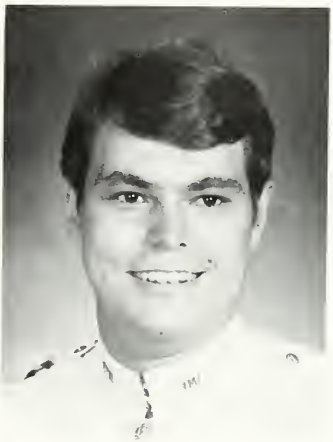
Charles Thomas Moses, III

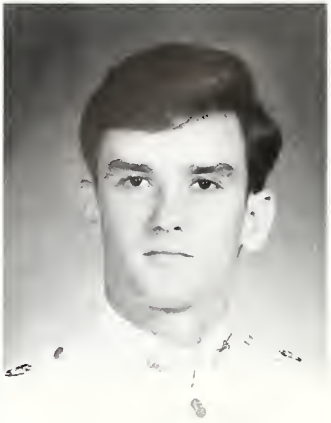
"Charley, Tommy, Moey"
Appromattox, Virginia
History — Army

"All Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair —
The bees are stirring — birds are on the wing —
And Winter slumbering in the open air
Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!
And I the while, the sole unbusy thing,
Nor honey make, nor pair, nor build, nor sing.

Yet well I ken the banks where amaranths blow,
Have traced the fount whence streams of nectar flow.
Bloom, O ye amaranths! bloom for whom ye may,
For me ye bloom not! Glide, rich streams, away!
With lips unbrightened, wreathless brow, I stroll:
And would you learn the spells that drowse my soul?
Work without Hope draws nectar in a sieve,
And Hope without an object cannot live."
Samuel Taylor Coleridge







Mike Gordon Mullins

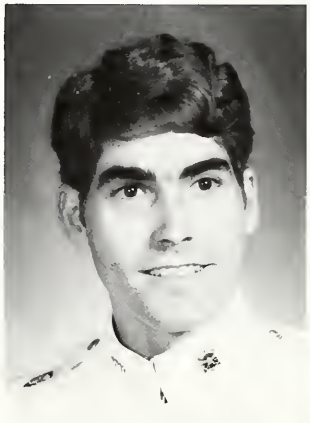
"Michael, Moon"
Colonial Heights, Virginia
History — Armor

Grotto Club 4; AUSA 1, 2; Firefighters 2; Private 1, 2, 3, 4; Born Losers 1, 2, 3; Zoo Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Victim of "Sparky" Anderson's Midnight Poker Bust 3.

". . . it'll be tough but it has its purpose. They do it to separate the men from the boys, and when that time comes son, I want you to be standing with the men."

Love,
Dad
September, 1975

DYKES: 1976: Tom Zeugner
1982: Bill Kulas



Samuel Gifford Murphy

"Murph, Hey Murph, Sambo"
Norfolk, Virginia
English — Special Student

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt 1; *Bomb* Staff 4, 3; Layout Editor 2; #1 Club 2; Clark & Gordie Fan Club 2, 1; Editor, Ring Figure Magazine 2, 1.

If there is one thing you can say about Hey Murph, he does things in a grand style. Here is a man who matriculated on his birthday, spends his intramural time as a Fireman rescuing women and children, plays Houdini in the evening, and spends his weekends at Mary Baldwin. Though Sam was never one for books, no man has ever tried harder to beat the system. (That isn't to say that the system didn't win a few) All in all Sam has come out on top; he has gained a ring, an understanding girl (big on the understanding), a place in Moody Hall, a questionable education, an attitude worthy of a cadet, and many life-long friends. From that BRF that talked you into staying — avoid rooms numbered 261! Good Luck.

DYKES: 1976: K. Y. Thrift
1982: Mark Durkin

George B. Myers

"Carolina Kid"
Wilmington, North Carolina
History — Field Artillery

College Republicans 3, 2, 1; AUSA 2, 1; BSU 4; Scottship Hall After Two a.m. Club; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

It has been a long trip these past four years and not always an easy one. Yet I've learned a lot along the way, some of it from books, some from my BR's and a lot just living each day. Some days were so great that I didn't want them to end and some days were total disasters. But overall, the good days outnumbered the bad. Thanks Dave, Shane, Gary, Mike and John for making this place a lot easier to live in. You all are a great bunch of BR's. To Ginger and Emily, all my love and appreciation for brightening up a long and weary trip. To my parents, thanks for all your love and support — it has meant a lot to me. It is a whole new world out there and it's time I got into it.

DYKES 1976: Jim Bowers
1982: Steve Checca

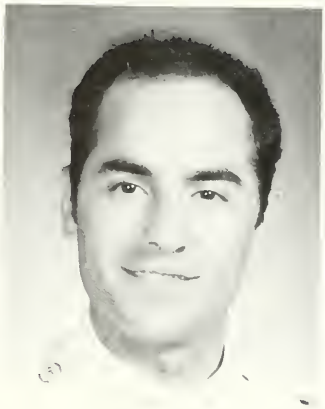
Craig Allison Myler

"Mouse, Fool #1, Sherman, Mount"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Chemistry — Infantry

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; MSgt. 2; Btn. S-5 1; TCFC Mug Committee Chairman; Rifle Team 4, 3, 2, Cpt. 1; Sports Car Club 1; Illegal Car 2; Orienteering Club 2; ACS 4, 3, 2, 1; PR Mgr. 1; Army 1st Region Rifle Team; Jackson's Battery 3.

Living with Mouse has been an adventure; we never knew what foolish thing he would do next. Like the time he brought back Frodo or the pumpkins or even the chattering skull. We never minded his toys, but when he played with them at three in the morning, *THAT* was a different story. His Shermonic inventions, like the superstructure he kept on his locker door and the funnilator, were a wonder to behold. But that same scientifically nurdish mind developed MAD Enterprises and the authorized Rat Ripoff. Craig has always been there when we needed him. His jovial attitude has lifted our spirits on many occasions. Though he was predictable, his highly unorthodox manner is something none of us will forget.

DYKES 1976: Michael G. Tate
1982: David Clayton Fritz, David Janac



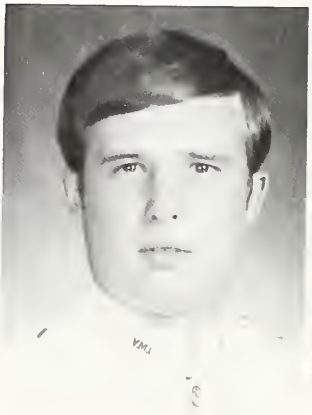
Ali Nassiri

"Sandy, S1, Little Cute"
Teheran, Iran
EE — Navy

Amateur Photography; Sponsored Head and Shoulders Shampoo; Varsity Soccer 3, 4; International Student Society.

In 4 years at VMI, you got away with just about everything in the book — a car, an apartment, a wife . . . Yessir Ali, you were a model cadet! After all, how many other cadets when standing out on the parade field on Friday afternoons have heard such tender words as "Hi Daddy"? Indeed, yours has been the FULL VMI experience. I could never figure out, however, why you never kept rank. You had to be the only private who spit-shined his raincape and brassoed his floor for every SNI! In all seriousness Ali, P1 and P2 wish you the best of luck always, and we know that someday, you will be elected Shah. (And I still say you can't count that for aerobics!)

DYKES 1976: Coleman, J. C.
1982: Poteralski, J. R.



Andrew Mark Neff

"Andy, MF, Student, Ali"
Milford, Connecticut
C.E. — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; NY-NJ Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; ASME 2, 1.

Here is a Connecticut Yankee who hated VMI from the time he arrived here and will probably keep on hating it after he leaves. Until his first Class year Andy was a solid party man. He did everything he could to break regulations. He never got caught either. Andy always kept a "low profile". Above all Andy is a hard worker. His studies always received a great deal of attention. His first class year has seen a new activity in Andy's life which rivals even his studies. She's not bad either. Keep the Loonies on the path; Good Luck . . . RSP

DYKES 1976: Bill Wolf
1982: Dave Schroeder

Edward Michael Negro

"Penguin, Negress"
Lowber, Pennsylvania
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; DMS.

I would like to send my love and thanks to my family, especially Mom and Dad for all the help and support they have always given to me, and to the very special girl in my life, Kath. Thank God for watching over me. The friendships that I have made while at VMI will last a lifetime (especially Bob and Al). The memories I have had over my four years at VMI are both good and bad, but one thing is for sure, they will be difficult to forget.

DYKES 1976: Alan Pyke
1982: Nick Roper, Carl Showalter

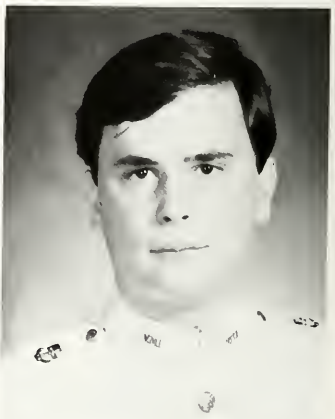
John Joseph Nichols

"Jay, Bird, B-Head"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Field Artillery

Varsity B-Ball Mgr. 4, 3; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Hotel "252" Club 3, 2; All Pro Club 4, 3, 2; Flag Football 2, 1; Nick and Kitch Party.

It's been a rough road for me at the "I", but I've finally made it. But without the following people; I would have never returned, much less graduated. I'd like to thank Mr. Goddard, Mrs. Hostetter, and Mr. Luck for their help and encouragement. Thanks, also to the Meads for my "home away from home." Thanks to my roommates and friends; "Chip," "P.D." "Jeff," "Dutch", "Pete", "Stan" and "Thomas"; you seven are the greatest. Lastly thanks to my family, for sticking behind me and shoving me along this "uphill battle". Without them I would have quit the day I saw this place. "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins". Thanks Mom and Dad; it's the best advice I've ever had!

DYKES 1976: Tom Mason
1982: "Socks", "Cold Steel", "The Friar",, "Charles Kirkshmer"



Harlan Niehaus

"Treehouse, Tollhouse, BIG"
Genoa, Ohio
Army — Engineering

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I would like to take this space to thank my parents and family for all their support during my cadetship. And also I'd like to extend a special Thank You to Coach Walt Ayers for all he's done for me during the past 2 years.

DYKES: 1976: Phil Upton
1982: Paul Dantonio

Robert Lee Norris

"Bongo Bob, N-Norris"
Richmond, Virginia
Biology — Field Artillery

Cpl. 3, MSGT 2; Echo Co. Commander; Honor Court President; Drug Advisory Council; Pre-Med Society; Henry Rogers Harassment Club; Weight-Of-The World Committee, "Jesse Owens"; Colonna Grief Reciprocating Committee.

Few men could have achieved an equal record in four years with such consistency. Maintaining a 4.0 while performing your duties as an Honor Court representative was, I'm sure, strenuous at best. Your position could not have been reached without a high sense of duty and a high degree of efficiency. You understood the definition of honor, and I thank you for sticking to it. VMI has taught you well? REA

DYKES: 1976: Phil "Bozo" Brzozowski
1982: John B. Bieltz

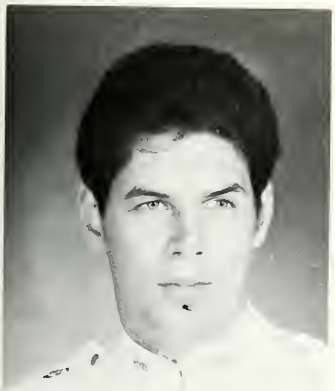
Thomas Long Northam

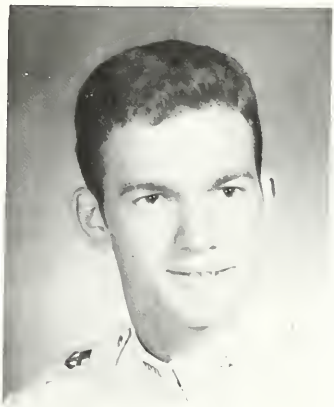
"Long"
Onancock, Virginia
English — Navy

Rifle Team 4, 3, 2, 1 — Co-Captain 1; Pre-Law Society 3, 2; English Society 2, 1, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2; 2nd Lieutenant 1.

Even though a self-imposed sentence of four years at the Institute seems too long and may be considered cruel and unusual punishment, the time has passed rather quickly and interestingly. Only a short while ago, on matriculation day, my Father gave me the best advice I've ever had on how to cope with a place like this. It was something in Latin that translated into "Don't let the _____ grind you down." Although some instances were trying, I'll still have many good memories of VMI.

DYKES: 1976: Mark Havelin
1982: Jeff Goodwin, Gary Jones





Eric Foster Nost

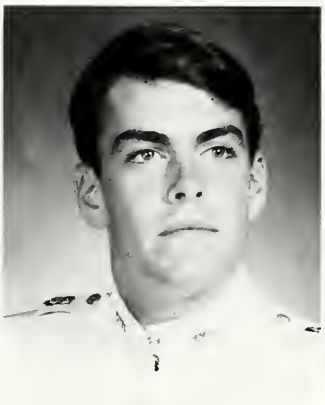
"Eric, Most, Nostie"
Severna Park, Maryland
Economics — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 1; Social Editor, BOMB 1; Society of Young Economists; Lacrosse Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Sigma Nu 4, 3, 2, 1; Off Campus Housing 2, 1; MBC Raid 2; Ghetto Club; Spider Fan 3.

On his way to W&L, young Eric took a detour through the VMI campus and found himself in the Ratline. They cut his hair, but couldn't get the 'gators off his shirts or the topsiders off his feet. After a 3rd class semester sabbatical at the U. of R., this Mink in a Keydet's uniform did the shag from Lex. to The Hotel Roanoke (yes, while driving). Room 154 became the barracks clothing store as the borrow sheet recorded numerous "took prep clothes", but the BMW consummated his role as the barracks socialite, for who could compete at Baldwin, S.B., or Randy-Mac with Eric crusin' around in his silver dream machine? Eric's future will be marred by one event — when he finds out his three year tenure in the Navy is aboard a cruiser instead of a 50 ft. yacht on the Chespeake Bay. Pleasant Sailing Mostus.

SAM '79

DYKES 1976: Nelson A. Jeffers
1982: K. Landon Camper



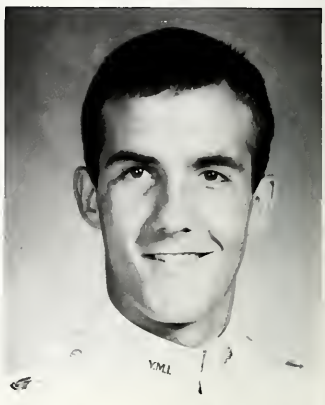
Michael Davies Oden

"Ruby Begonia, Mikey, Hash, Michael, Rufus"
Newark, Delaware
CE — Navy

Rugby 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3; Ruby Begonia Fan Club 1; Timberidge Hunt Club 1; Baldwin Raid 2; Girls 4, 3, 2, 1; Demolition Derby 2, ASCE 3, 2, 1; 150 Yacht Club.

Michael came to VMI as a yankee from Delaware, but after 3 years of "Southern Hospitality" he became a true gentleman. By the time he found out what the Institute was all about it was too late to get out, soe he joined our illustrious band of morons and decided to get the most out of this desolate place by partying, running the block and stretching the rules to the limit. The memories of Mike and his women will be with us forever. How could anyone forget the wild ones he dated! We will remember not to get in a car with Mike unless we are ready for demolition derby. He represents one of the greatest guys to come from VMI's grub ranks. When there is a good party and Mike isn't there, we will be wishing he was.

DYKES 1976: Teddy Trout
1982: Kendall Avery, Bill Towler



Michael Stephen Ogden

"Crazy One, Mike Ogg"
Aquia Harbour, Virginia
Economics — Marine Corps

Soccer Letterman 4, 3, 2, 1; Co-Captain 1; CPB 3, 2, 1; Cpl., Pvt., Sgt., Master Sgt., 1st Lt. "D" Co. XO; Sgt-Pvt of the Corps; OCS '78.

Life with Ogden has hardly been boring. Starting out as Electrical Engineer, Mike was soon disillusioned by the fact that current flowed down the wire one way and the electrons flow the other way (Now wait a minute, You mean . . ."). Seeing no point in enduring that sort of madness, Mike fled to the Econ Dept. where he languished in the "Root Cellar" the rest of his cadetship. Mike distinguished himself by his ownership of an illicit hampster, care packages from home, his usually occupied rack, his two year romance with his "Lady", and his competitiveness. Dumped in any pile of humanity, whether it be on the soccer field, in classes, or on the bricks, he usually ends up on the top of the heap. Good luck always.

J.J.L.

DYKES 1976: J. C. Coleman
1982: Ted Clarkson, Mike Gnall

Dale Ogg

"Something's got to be done"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Economics — Armor

Varsity Football; Monogram Club; Omicron Delta Epsilon; Sir Edmund Hillary Club (charter member), Vice President of the Room of Gloom; D.M.S. Field 49 3, 2, 1.

What can one say when one still lives in disbelief. When I expected the best, I got the worst. When things seemed simple, they became unbearable. I was taught to rely on logic, but I found myself in a place where logic is meaningless. Common sense? I haven't seen any. Resemblance of common sense — I don't think that I know what that is anymore. There is only one hope — long live the "Room of Gloom." Thank God for my parents, Pat and her understanding in tough times, Sam and the "Wildman and "The Room" i.e. "Doc", "W. D.", "House", and "The Italian Stallion." To Mike Vela, Joe Corsaro, Joe Seay, Steve "Brick" Gulley, and the rest of the few sane: It *Must* End.

DYKES: 1976: Mike Gross
1982: Chad King and Mike Muller

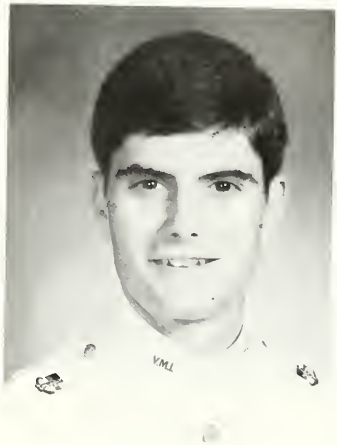
Dolphin Henry Overton

"Big D, Dolphine, Flip, Fiendsky"
Rocky Mount, N. Carolina
Biology — Special Student

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Rebel Yell 1 and 2; Forget Hell Club 4, 3, 2, 1; North Carolina Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

As a Rat at VMI, I hated VMI. Every night Jay and I would bitch at each other for an hour. However, as time passed, I began to realize I would be at VMI 3 more years. So I began to study as did John, raise hell and set records for the P.T.'s, demerits and confinement I earned. VMI succeeded in releasing me my second class year. I came back my first class year changed. I kept my demerits at a minimum so that I could visit a girl very special to me. Yes Susan gets credit for my increased awareness of responsibility and good conduct. I would like to thank my mother and father for not leading me astray as I thought. Thanks Mom, Dad, Leslie, Lee, Joe, Grandma, Susan and John for everything. I'll always remember what ya'll did for me.

DYKES: 1976: Simon Radomskyj
1982: John Campion



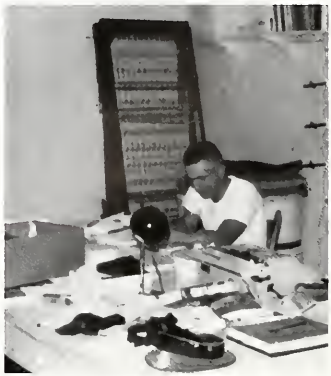
Jim Donald Owens, Jr.

"FAX, Jim-Bob, Jim, JD, Jimmy, Jim Buddy"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tankers 3, 2, 1 (Plt. Ldr.); Intramural Volleyball Champs 4 (Cpt.); New Market March 4; President's Inaugural 2; Color Guard 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1 (Project Chairman); MBC Raid 2 (survivor); S-5 2; Cadre 1; UVA Easters 2, 1.

Jim arrived from the "old neighborhood" with plans for a history degree and a Marine Lieutenancy. The history degree was quickly forgotten with a move to NEB. Then as a 2nd, this gun-ho Marine became an uh-rah infantryman. The changes have proven lucrative and Jim has solidly held his own both as "SI" and a "groun-pounder". Jim prided himself on his "grub private" status, yet contradictions appeared when we saw this "grub" in such "ranker" positions as Color Guard and Tanker Platoon Commander. If these contradictions continue, I predict this "cool breeze" will end up in high places out in the world as well. I also predict that years from now, no matter how sordid a life I may live, I can expect from Jim a "so what" and a story that will top all mine. Ando

DYKES: 1976: Jake Berberick
1982: Tim Dignan and Brad Walker



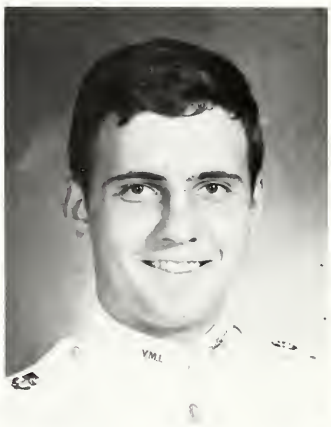
Janis Gunars Ozolins

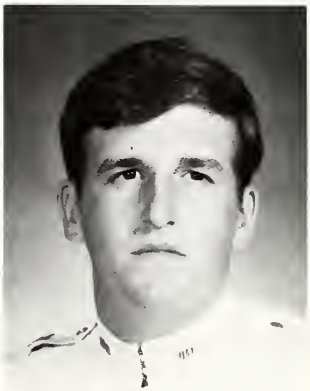
"Ozone, Oz, Ozzie, O_3"
Spencer, New York
Civil Engineering — Armor

Tankers 3, 2; Same 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC, Military Society 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Young Rep. 2; S-5 3; Guideon 2, 1; OGA Representative; President's Inaugural; Frustrated Ranker 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1 (?); Cadre 1; AUSA 2, 1; DMS.

John didn't know what was going to happen to him when he came to VMI, but he decided to stay like most of us did. Being an ambitious fellow he decided to try for the civil engineering degree. He always did his best which I and only a few others have appreciated. John has given a lot to his brother rats and at more than one time felt like founding a banking firm in barracks. He decided to go Armor which didn't seem too unusual as he always had his tanks on his desk. Being frustrated was natural to him when it came to attaining rank because he never wanted to lick boots. With time on my side at VMI I finally influenced him to break away from studying to meet the opposite sex. John is a TRUE BROTHER RAT.

DYKES: 1976: Tom Hawthorne
1982: Joel Bodnar, Joe Bouchelle





Samuel Pendleton Pace

"Nectar"
Orange, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

ASCE; Partying; Society of Orange County Rednecks

After putting off the decision of whether or not to attend VMI, he finally decided to sign the application form and believe me, this was about all it consisted of, as an alumnus influenced it greatly. Sentenced to four years at VMI hardly seemed bearable. As a fourth classman the road was hard although Arass, Brother Rat Blivit and Bird provided a lot of laughs, and laugh he did at what seemed to be a joke although it turned out to be a reality. In his third class year his style was surfacing, i.e. he didn't want to be no corporal with those _____ details. Go ahead, continue them dyke's traditions — the grub private life seemed good. This was also the year of Roscoes. In his second class year, Nectar continued to study somewhat, party, and live with the boys under the rules of the system. After that episode (?) in North Carolina during the summer, he returned for the "Big Dog" — 1st class year, the year of Homer, Henry, Poke, and C.T. Yech.

DYKES: 1976: Rand Somparal
1982: Van Noah, Ed Howland

Asa Hix Page

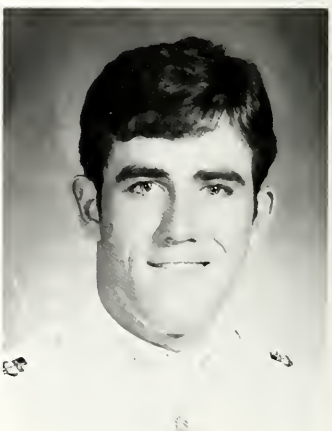
"Rex, Hick, Ace, Ghoul, Hound Dog"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
History — Air Force (pilot)

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 1st Lt. 1; Who's Who in the Zoo; Cadre; P.I. Staff; Dean's List; PX Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Mink Hater 4, 3, 2, 1.

How can I begin to describe Asa? Asa is so easy going and collected he makes Clint Eastwood look like a nurd. And Arnold, you had better watch out because he's working on you too. Asa is the kind of man that stands out in a crowd (and on the dance floor). You couldn't ask for a more loyal friend. Knowing him has been the Lipton Plunge. I hope you find your perfect woman and live a beautiful life.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.
Robert Frost

DYKES: 1976: Herb White
1982: Steve Barger



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Gary Dale Parker

"Park"
Elliston, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Naval Science

Debate 4; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, too long; ASCE 3, 2, 1; ASCE Party Club 3, 2, 1; Rugby 1; Cadet Advertising Staff 2; Cadre 3, 2, 1, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rat Company Commander 1; Summer School 3.

Why I came here is past history. Once here my pride and grades wouldn't let me escape. The traumas, laughs, friendships, and battles are now a part of me. Whatever the future holds in store I'll take one day at a time and make the best of it. I've gained friends who will last a lifetime and have a special girl who makes up my better half. I am blessed with parents who understood — or at least overlooked my bad grades and helped me through my low spirits. I realize that being myself is most important. My dreams are big but I know it's going to be the little things that help me along. Dad said not to come here, Mom said no to Va. Tech — I signed on the dotted line. "The valiant die but once."

DYKES 1976: Steve Hiner
1982: Alan A. Hale

Anthony Bidgood Pais

"Anton, Bidgood, Bidbad, Dego, Japetus"
Bel Air, Maryland
History — USMC

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Reg. Opn. Sgt. 2; Reg. XO 1; Goldcoast Crew; Timmon's Society 4, 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Graduation Speaker Committee 2, 1; Officer's Christian Fellowship 3, 2, 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1; Who Who's Among American Colleges and Univ. Students.

Father, thank you for my life. Thank you for my parents who gave me strength during times of weakness. Thank you VMI for making me grow up. You have laid many obstacles in my path but my Brother Rats have always made it worthwhile.

DYKES 1976: Claude C. Roberts
1982: Doug Burch, Bob Klenke

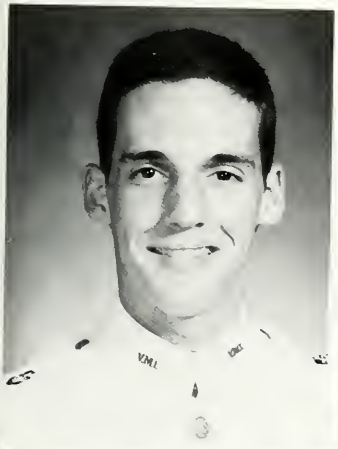
Asghar Pariroo

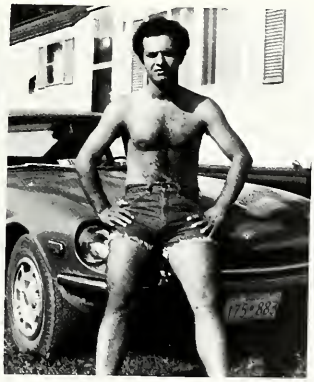
"Oscar"
Astara, Iran
C.E. — Imperial Iranian Navy

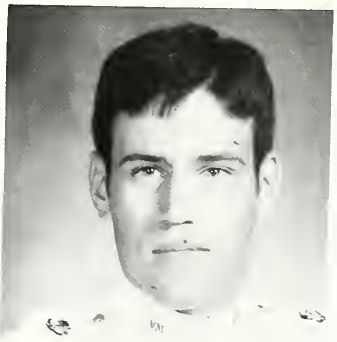
International Student Society; ASCE.

In the summer of '75, Asghar came to Lexington. He knew English, but not the ways of the Americans. He also knew little of the many rules and regulations that go along with being a Keydet! However, he got a taste of VMI during his first year in the Rat Line. There were many cultural differences as well as the language problem to be solved, but through it all Asghar came away with flying colors. Now in his last year he looks forward to graduation and a promising future. Good Luck to you Brother Rats.

DYKES 1976: Williams, R. A.
1982: Peplinski, L. M.







Richard Stewart Parkinson

"Rick, Rich, Park"
Huntington, New York
History — Air Force

RFYL 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 2, 1.

Rick likes to do things in a big way. That is why he came to VMI. He wanted to get the best of the worst. He wanted to maximize the bad times he expected so he went all out. He went to VMI. Rick is a very unique individual. When most guys were buying cars he bought a Hi-Fi system which cost just as much as a Corvette. He really likes music, but rarely had a chance to listen to it due to academic reasons. Just another good deal. Here was a professional at staying away from VMI. He found every loophole in the regulations and where there was none he made his own. He made life at VMI bearable. Long live Neil Young and Crazy Horse. See you on the dark side of the moon, buddy.

A.M.N.

DYKES 1976: Mike Camden
1982: Steve Morgan

Robert Louis Parodi

"Ahmad, Mud, Steve, Parodipour"
Poughkeepsie, New York
Economics — Air Force

Arnold Air Society 4; TCFC 3, 2; Young Economists Club 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1.

VMI is based on three foundations, these being Military, Athletic, and academic. Over each of these hangs an air of competition — but then again who wants to compete?

DYKES 1976: Ken Harbin
1982: Chris Ronan

William H. Peacock

"Bill, Peadick, Willy, Homo"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
EE — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; IEEE 1; Rugby 4, 3; R.F.Y.L. 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1.

Billy came to the "I" that fateful day 20 August 1975 full of aspirations of a Super-strack Keydet after high school J.R.O.T.C. He proved himself by being the only Rat in C. Company that could fold his underwear properly. His Rat year also encompassed many a quarrel between Dykes and himself that unfortunately ended at the R.D.C. He came back as a corporal in '76 only to be busted the first makeover. Just a minor setback. He then decided to prove himself academically, by remaining academically distinguished the following years. He did just that. Billy was not one just to tie himself up with the books. He spent several weekends with me, prowling about M.B.C. and Hollins. It has been an experience knowing Billy — Good Luck!

Respectfully, "Probe"

DYKES 1976: Steve Borowski
1982: Ed Drumheller, Wyi Kim

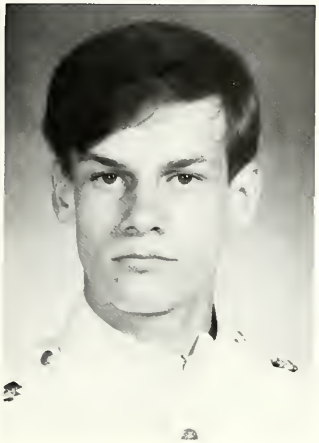
Bruce Edward Pearson

"Brewster, B.P., F.A."
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Engineer

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Hop and Fire Committee 3, 2, 1.

Brewster is well known throughout our class; after all, he was probably in everyone's calculus class at one time or another. Bruce had a unique style when approaching academics. Whenever stumped by a civil engineering problem, he would look down at it, draw a graph, reread the problem, then just laugh like Hell and go to bed and sleep on it for awhile. But somehow the work always got done. When the weekend rolled around, Bruce always rolled out, and after many Sunday parties he couldn't stand up so he had to roll back. Brewster's calm and easygoing personality has won him many friends at the big "I". As a roommate and long time friend I know Bruce will excel in whatever he shall endeavor, and wish him all the luck in the world. Billy Mac
Thanks for all your love Mom and Dad.

DYKES 1976: Bill "D.D." Favier
1982: Lee Jones



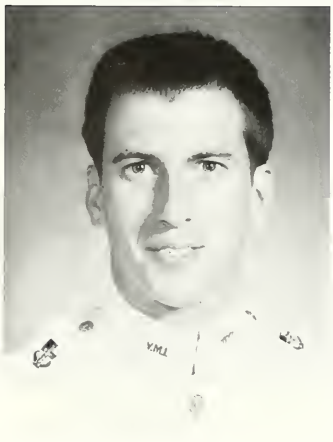
Edward W. Pettersen

"Pete, Polio, Snake Slayer, Worthless"
Alexandria, Virginia
English — Infantry (Ha-Ha)

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Tucker Street Crew; Summer School of Red Bud Hollow; Pathfinder — Especially through small trees to river banks; Quasi — Confinement Status; Infrequent PX Customer; 4th Member of Room 169.

Only hindsight will ever satisfactorily explain the last four years. I have not experienced college in the usual sense — how can I compare, much less judge? And anyway, I'm too biased at the present time . . . I've made good friends and at the same time discovered the sycophant. I've learned the true meaning of "idiosyncratic," and subsequently understand things a little bit better, not to mention myself. Change has marked the last four years for me. Look at what I'm quoting now: "You cannot educate a soldier without turning him into a pacifist." H. D. Thoreau

DYKES 1976: Mark Moncure
1982: Tim Costello, Tracy Henderson



James R. Pigg Jr.

"Jim"
Roanoke, Virginia
C.E. — Air Force

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; BSU 4; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Ad Hoc Committee 2; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Third Class Finance Committee '79 3, 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Karate Club 4, 3; Rugby 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; LHC 1.

Jim came to the Big "I" knowing nothing about the place even though he lives 50 miles away. Just a plain ole "happy rat" that liked to tool through the Rat line gnawing on his cinnamon gum. The dykes he had taught him how to run shit so well that he has yet to get caught. I can't believe he now has to enforce all those regulations that he always seemed to break when he was a rat and a third. Good Luck Jim, I hope you find your "wild blue yonder." I know you will someday.

DYKES 1976: Tom Diggs
1982: Jim "Gim Rat" Berke

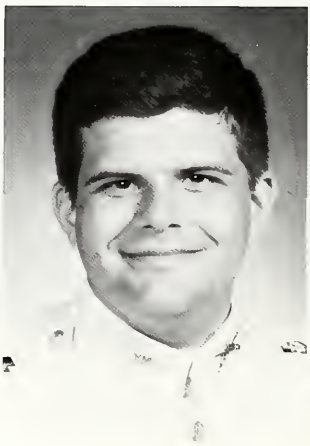
Earl Gilbert Pilker

"PILL, Earl the Pearl, Co-dyke, Grunt, The Tongue"
Erie, Pennsylvania
Economics — Army

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Band Company CO 1; Ranger Platoon 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 3, Cadre Sgt. 2; Airborne-Ranger Qualified; VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 2, 1; Bugler 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3.

The first time I walked into our dyke's room, Earl was sitting there and I told myself that "this guy looks like a dork". Well I won't say that I was wrong, but even with all the times he had all-duty, he proved to be a good B.R. Throughout his Third and Second class years he also proved something greater; that he had a life's goal and that he was going to get it no matter what. Now this may not seem much but it's more than most of us could have said. He still had hard times to fight, both at the "I" and at home, but he didn't quit. He's going somewhere and despite all the doubts that life may give him, I know that he'll get there. Good luck to you Co-dyke and God's Blessing. R.L.S.

DYKES 1976: Ted Mouras
1982: Garth Franz



John Bagby Pleasants Jr.

"J.B., Groundhog"
Grafton, Virginia
History — Armor

Weight Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Warmgamers Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Chess Club 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

"A good sherris-sack hath a twofold operation in it. It ascends me into the brain, dries me there all the foolish and dull and crudy vapors which environ' it, makes it apprehensive, quick, forgetive, full of nimble, fiery, and delectable shapes, which deliver'd o'er to the voice, the tongue, which is the birth, becomes excellent wit. The second property of your excellent sherris is the warming of the blood, which before, cold and settled, left the liver white and pale, which is the badge of pusillanimity and cowardice; but the sherris warms it, and makes it course from the inwards to the parts' extremes. It illumineth the face, which as a beacon gives warning to all the rest of this little kingdom, man, to arm, and thus valor comes of sherris."

From Henry IV, Part Two, Act Four, Scene III

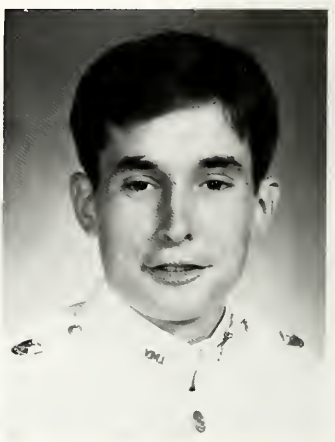
John Chesley Poffenbarger

"Poff, J.C., Chesley, Chubby"
Charleston, West Virginia
Biology — Armor Branch

VMI Sport Parachute Club 4, 3; VMI Student Grotto 4, 3; VMI Ski Club 2, 1; VMI Sports Car Club 1; Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1.

Poffy arrived by oxcart from West Virginia determined to follow in his father's footsteps and become a candidate for a malpractice suit. As a rodent his after taps milk and cookie socials even included the uncordially invited J.C. Coleman. He realized the true meaning of "BRF". When that wily ferret scampered out of Bonanza leaving Poff not only THE bag but two B.U. bags. He was used to love triangles though, having been awarded a second Ring Figure date, compliments of Bro Tollie and the R.F. Plague. Sorrowed by the loss of this faithful companion "KATO" to premature graduation he learned life goes on even though he had to room with a "Ferret", "Poindexter", and a "perfect body" for a year. See ya in '84 Bro' and don't forget to bring the Grosse Hausefrau and your herd of ankle biters! A.B.H.

DYKES 1976: Ian Fergusson
1982: Rich Magee



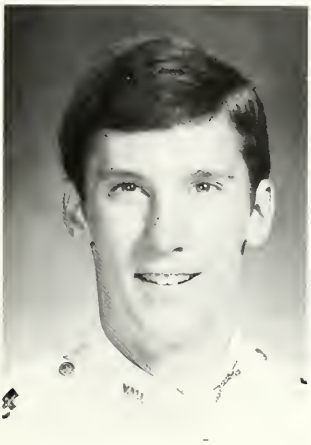
Henry Stephen Powers III

"Redman, Powerless, Zippahead, Mastadong, Peter"
Ocala, Florida
Economics — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1; Baseball 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Boxing 2; Rock Pile 3; Cadet Circulation Staff 1; MBC Raid 3, 2; HR 4, 3, 2, 1.

Steve came to VMI to follow family tradition. He'll leave knowing that tradition isn't everything. Through his years at the "I" he never once turned down the opportunity to have a good time. Whether it was the drunk of Ring Figure '77 or uptown at the frat parties the women always did seem to flock around the guy from Ocala, Florida. We often wondered just what it was that attracted them in such great quantities! Well it didn't take long to find out. His preference for women never ceased to amaze us, from B.J. to just about anything he could get his hands on he always had time for the opposite sex. We'll always remember all those crazy things Steve has gone through his 4 years knowing that he never did play with a full deck anyway. Just kidding Steve!

DYKES: 1976: Bob Cox
1982: Dickie Woolwine



Sumner Riddick Pugh III

"Rick, Bird's Nest, Longbody, First-mate, Pug"
Farmville, Virginia
History — Armor

Varsity Tennis 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Rugby Club 1; Hop and Floor Committee 1; Tucker Street Massacre Member 2; Horseshoe Club 2; Subculture 3, 2, 1; VMI Ski Club 3, 2, 1.

How can I put into words the love and respect I have for Rick Pugh! It has been my good fortune to be his roommate for 4 years at VMI. All we will have is our memories; the good times (RBH) and the bad times (Tucker Street Massacre). But my years with Rick have been the most important thing in my life. Never have I had a friend such as Rick; always he was there, always ready to help out in any way. Even though we sometimes had our differences, we overcame them. "Nest" is one of the main reasons I kept returning to the "I" year after year. Without him, something would have been missing from my life; a Brother Rat, a drinking buddy, but most important, the best friend anyone could ever have. Rick, thanks.

DYKES: 1976: Ron "Bone" Lagrone
1982: Jay "Wombat" Wamsley

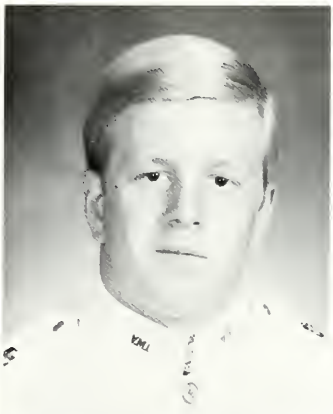
David Morton Pyle

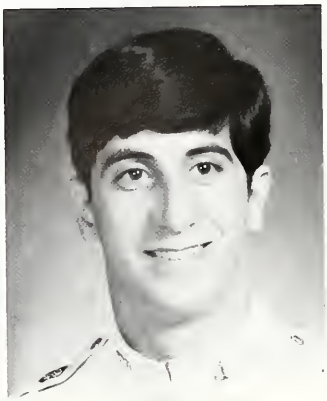
"Poke, Pope, Lips, Pokomo, Pole-Cat"
Norfolk, Virginia
C.E. — Air Force

Football 4, 3, 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2, 1; OGA 1; Cpl. 3; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.

When I came to VMI I hadn't even visited the place since I was eight years old. Then it just looked like a long, tall wall. Little did I know what was in store for me behind those great walls. Through those first two and a half years of playing football I struggled through academics as my roommates Bird, Nectar, and C.T. were atop the charts. It wasn't until the second semester of my second class year that I broke into the ranks of the 3.0 for the previous semester on a mistake by a teacher. Prior to the miracle another miracle occurred. I met Carol! Someone I could spend my academic days with and eventually the rest of my days on this earth. Well all I can say now is that I'm glad it's over, and the best of luck to my brother rats.

DYKES: 1976: Barney Adams
1982: Paul Glisson, Kieth Jarvis





Robert Brian Raines

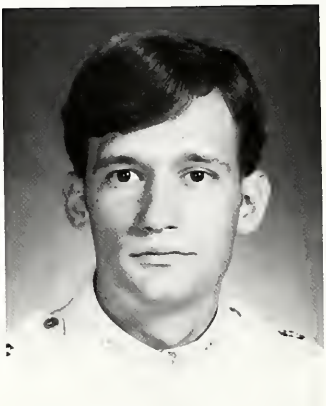
"Bob, Rob, Rainesey"
West Haverstraw, New York
C.E. — Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Number 1 Club; Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1 — Co-Captain 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Room 172 Band; Flying Squadron (Blue Max).

What can you say about a guy who comes to VMI and after looking at barracks, wonders where the dorms are? Well, Bob did and found his style cramped for the next four years. He adapted quickly and found how to utilize this abilities. In the classroom and athletics Bob has proved outstanding. He is a true friend to those who know him and has a willingness to help others. Best of luck in the future.

VMI has done a great deal for me, not that I would do it again; however, I have met many whom I regard as true friends, and they have made my stay more than worthwhile. Special thanks to my roommates and Coach Joyce for everything they have done.

DYKES 1976: Jim Delisio
1982: Delton "Dilton" Friedman



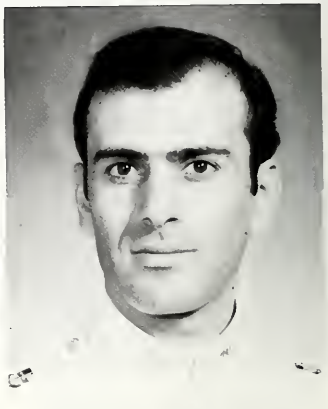
Paul Wilson Ramey

"Bud"
Woodstock, Virginia
C.E. — Army

The Subculture 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; SAME 1; Timmins Society 3, 2.

August 21, crossing the Route 11 overpass with my BRs in the early morning fog, I looked down and there it was — my mainstreet — if I could only go another 100 miles. But I kept my eyes off of that for four years. It was another way of life so close yet so far away. Thank you all who have been with me, you are my brothers. And now for that other life . . .
"WE DANCE AROUND IN A RING AND SUPPOSE BUT THE SECRET SITS IN THE MIDDLE AND KNOWS" Emerson

DYKES 1976: Greg Hedley
1982: Bob Campione



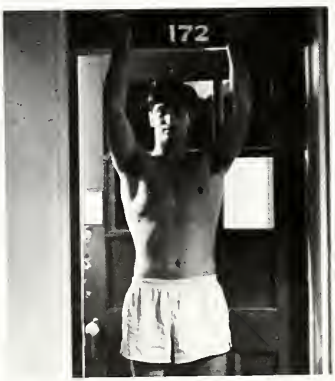
Ali Ramezani

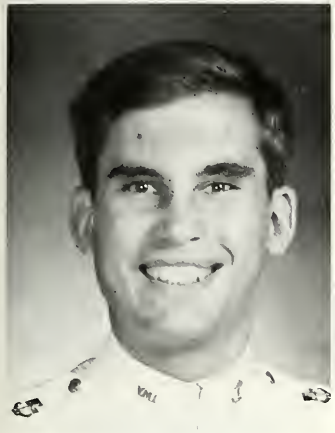
"Sleepy, Flower"
Tehran, Iran
E.E. — Iran

Varsity Soccer 4, 3; Volleyball; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Four years ago a persian expedition landed in the New World. Among the explorers arose Ali, a long, thick haired young man with a silky shirt. He was confident and prepared to take on a United States military school. Sleepy immediately found the natives to be restless and extremely unfriendly. Luckily a treaty was soon established: Chin in, short hair, PT, and a ratline in exchange for money, a car, and as many fine American women as were available. Ali quickly adjusted to this crazy new life and he began his long struggle with the English language and the VMI. You have my respect, Ali, for accepting and conquering this four year challenge — Congratulations!!! KHODA-FAZ!!! K.L.L.

DYKES 1976: J. C. Coleman
1982: J. W. Chittum





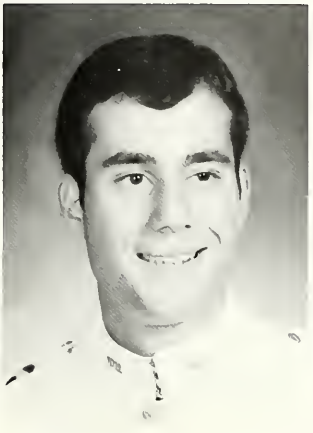
Keith Allen Ranker

"Doctor, Friar Tuck"
Dumont, New Jersey
C.E. — Navy

Groto Club 4; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1 — Vice Pres. 2, 1; Math Club 2, 1.

In 1957, two old fashion but wonderful people were given custody of an old fashioned, but wonderful kid — me! Though I may never agree with them, I love Mom and Dad very much and thank them for their love and care. I'd also like to thank English Major (Jamie) and Doctor Dave Baptist for the three challenging years in the 66's. Also, Barney, Marie, Mike, Kon, Jim, Andy, Jay V, and all of those other people whose fellowship made VMI more bearable. Most of all, I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for taking up my sins on his shoulders on the cross to bring me into the limitless joy of fellowship with God.

DYKES: 1976: Paul Carine
1982: Jeff Etheridge



Nicholas Socrates Rantis

"Rantisani, Nicky-Wad, Sol, Greek"
Oak Park, Illinois
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; B Co. XO; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 1; Treasurer TCFC '79 3; Pre Law Society; College Republicans 2, 1; Cadre 2, 1; Rat Training 3, 2, 1; Secretary EC and GC.

In August of 1975, Nick left the bars and discos of Chicago for the life of a Southern gentleman. And after four years he still hasn't recovered from the culture shock. But look out girls of Chicago — "he will return". I've known Big Nick for four years, roomed with him 2, and I can honestly say that he is a true Brother Rat. Nick is one of the few who has really adapted to the VMI system: good grades, low demerits, and many a hangover after Saturday nights in the "Cockpit". It will be several years until the memory of Crew's Rat training runs, the Third Class academic crunch, Ring Figure Weekend, and all those F.C.P. nights fade away. Well Nick, now that the end is near and you can look back over your VMI career, remember: "It builds character."

DYKES: 1976: Evan Haberman
1982: Ross Rappaport

Mohammadd Razipour

"Moe, Raz, Razm-taz, Racky, Lorue"
Khorramabad-Lorestan, Iran
Electrical Engineering — Naval Science

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RYFL; Karate Club 4, 2; Foreign Students Club; Weight Lifting; No. 1 Club.

All the way from his beautiful hometown three years ago, Raz came to the United States to study electrical engineering, but he did not know that he was going to do it at a place like VMI. The first year was not as hard for him as it was for his other Iranian BR's because he spoke English pretty well. As time passed, Raz fitted himself into the system. He got his first car at the end of Rat year, but unlucky Raz got caught in his Second Class year for maintaining a vehicle in Lexington, and as a result received four months confinement for it. He got away from the Institute every chance he got, but always kept up with his studies. Too bad that he has to go home soon.

DYKES: 1976: Oscar Cammuse
1982: Thach N. Nguyen

Ricardo J. Rendon

"Old Man, Foolish Fool, Reep-a-deep."
Hampton, Virginia
Economics — Marine Corps

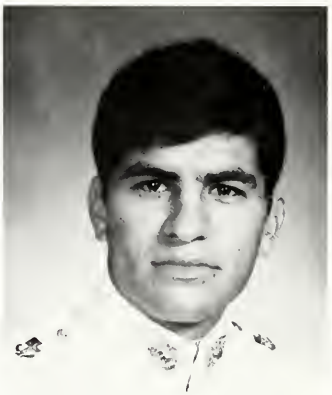
Cpl., Sgt., Lt. (Pvt.); Society of Young Economists; 261 Power; Number 2 Club; Toot-Toot.

I entered VMI a fool not realizing that I was to become a man. But I had comfort, my brother since the 7th grade was beside me becoming a man too. My third class year I met Big "E" and that's when Room 361 changed to Apartment 361. My Second class year was filled with a Ring, hoochie and finally confinement. Now that I'm a First classman, I must say thanks Mom and Dad I couldn't have done it without you.

"Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time.
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, Out, brief candle.
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage.
And then is heard no more

W. Shakespeare

DYKES: 1976: Rick Mattews
1982: John Murray Jr.



Christopher Paul Reisch

"Reeschbod, Kreesbody, Unmentionable, Chrissy"
Casanova, Virginia
Physics — Navy

Glee Club 1 - 4; Pep Band 4, 3; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Member Trou Court.

Thank you Lord, it's over! When I came here I never knew really what would happen to me. I've Learned: poor table manners, foul language, Red Neck Habits, obstinance, to be opinionated, frustration, overbearing pride, and more. What else have I learned? Primarily I've learned to control all those bad habits, my best gift from VMI. The rest is from my BR's. There's a lot down inside me I can't see now and maybe never will, but it's there. The test is coming. To Pedro and the Uptown Gang, the Pizzeria and Cockpit weren't bad, the best B.S. ever shot was shot there. One question, where were the girls?! But that was B.C. (*Before the Car*). To my Roomies past and present, guys I don't know what you say, but, "it's been real." Thanks Mom — Dad — Kid, God Bless you — I made it!

DYKES: 1976: Paul Carine
1982: Larry Curtin

Bruce Edward Reinard

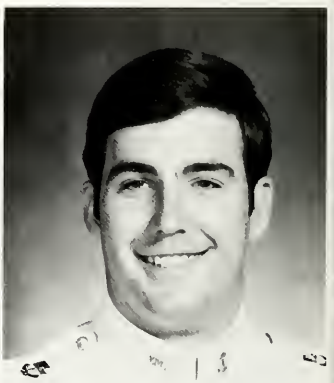
"R-GU, Wolf, PW-1"
Springfield, Virginia
EE — Navy

PW Club 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Varsity Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Boys Club 2, 1; Radio Club 2, 1; IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; PI Club 4, 1; Assistant Manager L.H. 2, 1; Skoal Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

Bruce, we made it. If there was work to be done, you put it off. That was your rule, yet you probably had a better time and did better than most. A star on the baseball field, a star off, (yes, we all like your car, but not the gas bill!). If ever there was trouble to get into, you would come to find me and we would get into it. Yet, if I needed help, you were there to help me. We are almost like brothers, but you chew and I don't. With both of us here at VMI, it was quite a trip. But now it is the real thing, the world! I feel we are ready, but is the world? Bruce — a brother rat, a great friend, may the future hold many more "doubles" for us.

J.S.B.

DYKES: 1976: Bob French, Fletcher Davis
1982: Martin Bryant



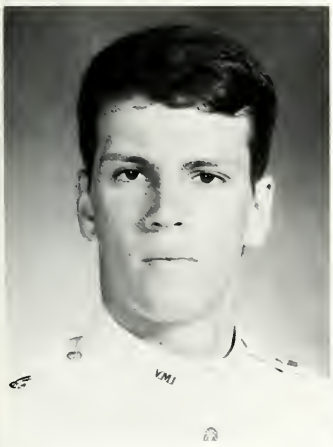
Daniel Lyndon Richardson

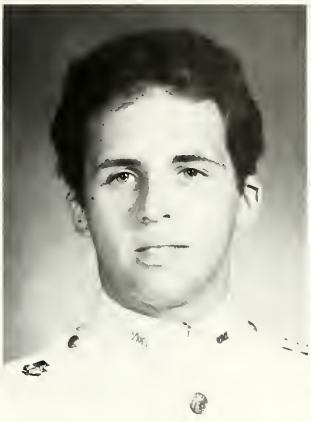
"Dick, Richardson, Richardsool, Buttetoe"
Concord, Virginia
Biology — Special Student

Cpl. 3; Pvt. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 2; Lt. 1; — (?); Late Night Bio 4, 3, 2, 1; "Food Locker in the wall gang;" 209 Wild Bunch 2; Lun-room 114 2, 1; "Eddie Bodling Fan Club;" Dean's List.

I first met Danny over a few at the P.I. and that's how I'll always remember him. I see him as someone who does what he thinks is right and does it extremely well. He came with the idea of spending only one year, but changed his mind and stayed. This may seem unimportant, but in reality is comparable to Columbus sailing west. Danny's eternal search for what he wants and propensity for saying what he feels has touched many. I remember him combatting Turbiville, harassing Starbuck, and doing things unmentionable for these pages. Whenever someone talks about him, they shake their heads, laugh, and sleep it off. I can only hope he has gained as much from us as we have from him. I remain as always, your Brother Rat. GCG

DYKES 1976: Scotty Kassler
1982: Rich Stuver





David J. Riedel

"Guppy, Little Lips, John Wayne, Squirrel, Dave"
Norfolk, Virginia
Air Force — Special Student

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Baldwin Raid 2; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SPS 4; College Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1; Below 2.0 Club 4, 3, 2; Number 1 Club 3; Mail Room Crew 3, 2, 1; Soaring Club 3, 2.

Dave! He was my roommate for three years and he will be my friend for life. We've had fun helping, teasing, and insulting each other. I'll never forget all those nights of Bloodrock and Black Sabbath. Flydel is a man with strong ambition and willpower. He is no Mr. Atlas; however, I never saw him crack under any type of pressure. He nominated me for a class officer in '75 and that I shall never forget. Now, I pay tribute to him. The man whose hair isn't kinky but wavey. The man who received more cardiac massages than any other cadet. Congratulations, you made it through all the abuse VMI has to offer. Good luck in whatever you do in life. Well ugh; it's been a wild four years. I hope the world is ready for you. AEH

DYKES 1976: Phil Brozowski, Tom Puskas
1982: Kim Call

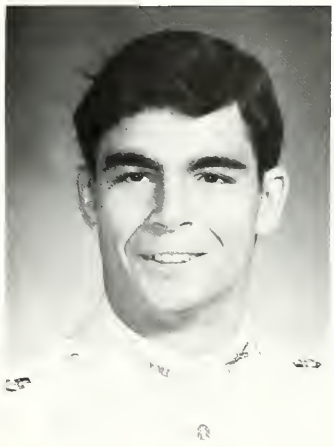
Timothy Edward Ritzert

"The Ritz, Rim, Bacchus, Little Timmy, Clark"
Perry Point, Maryland
C.E. — Navy

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1 — Co-Captain 2, 1; Match Secretary 2, 1; Black Sheep Rugby 2, 1; Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2, Lt. 1, RDC 1; Mardi Gras 3, 2, 1.

I made a big mistake deciding to cancel out of college and come to VMI. My folks warned me but were behind me all the way. Thanks Mom and Dad! Bennie showed me the way. VMI and Rugby will continue to affect the rest of my life. From match 1 as a rat through injuries, parties, tournaments, tries, sticks, penalties, days after and everywhere we ventured, I'll never forget all those who stood with me on the field of honor, Nack, Higgs, W.D., we survived 4 years. Look back. Pervert Corner, 2 breakouts, Houser's farm, 1, Thanks Pudload, 2, 3 coming and I'll be back Thanks Mr. Houser, Sleepwalking and talking, T Street, Ducks, Rob's, Berry's, hotdoggin', The Depot. I'll remember all of you who were with me.

DYKES 1976: Bennie Weaver
1982: Bob "rat" Dorsey



Henry Jackson Rogers

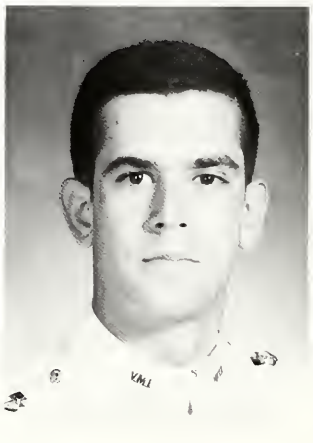
"The Battalion Stallion, Garnett Rogers"
Crofton, Maryland
History — Airborne Infantry

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Mst. Sgt. 2, 1st Lt. 1st Bn. Adjutant 1; Cadet Battery 4; Tanker Plt. 3; Association of the United States Army, Secretary 2, President 1; Airborne School 1; Rat Training Cadre 2, 1; 49 Club 4, 3, 2, 1; "Commendable" 4, 3, 2, 1.

I'm writing in the dark so you can sleep. Nice white cushion. You did WHAT! New Rochelle! Are you going to the "X"?? PLEASE Brother Rat! Hey Buddy! You're having your share of the shaft now. Shut up . . .

When I think of Henry, what will I recall? Compassion? Hope? Understanding? Wit? Yes, all of these. Dark times, he brought light. Bright times he brought friendship. Yes, I'll recall Henry brought all of these. The quiet Henry, ever there, often without knowing why, when he's needed most. The silent Henry. (still waters run deep). One of the most understanding, sympathetic, warm, and honest people I've yet to meet. One of the main reasons I survived VMI.

DYKES: 1976: Bill Toney
1982: Cory Attra, Ken Ross



Council Courtland Rudolph

"ROO"
St. Petersburg, Florida
Chemistry — Army

A cadet.

Tyger Tyger, burning bright
In the forest of the night;
What immortal hand or eye,
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there and helping, and Gramma and Grandaddy for the inspiration, and Evan for always being pretty, and John for taking your own path.

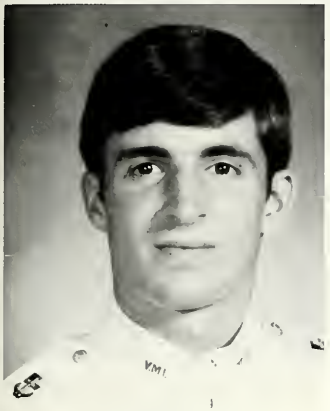
Special thanks to you babe, the purple butterfly who always sent in the downs. I love you.

DYKES: 1976: Mike Linaberry
1982: Phil Dederer, Curtis Kenton
Southern I

Robert Marcoux Russell

"Robbie, Mark, Russ, El Fernando"
Fairfax, Virginia
Chemistry — Navy

"In vain to me the smiling mornings shine,
And reddening Phoebus lifts his golden fire:
The birds in vain their amorous descent, join,
Or cheerful fields resume their green attire.
These ears, alas! for other notes repine;
A different object do these eyes require;
My lonely anguish melts no heart but mine;
And in my breast the imperfect joys expire;
Yet morning smiles the busy race to cheer,
And new-born pleasure brings to happier men;
The fields to all their wonted tribute bear;
To warm their lettle loves the birds complain.
I fruitless mourn to him that cannot hear,
And weep the more because I weep in vain."
William Wordsworth



Charles William Sachs

"Rat Sachs, Sachess, Shnoz"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Varsity Tennis Team 4, 2, 1, Captain 1; Pre-Law Society 2; Society of Young Economists 1; Monogram Club 1; President of the "Procrastinating" Club 1; RFYL 4, 2, 1,; MBC Raiders, 2.

Charlie's Rat year was an experience he will never forget. Academics and the Rat Line took their toll on this well mannered young man from Richmond. Charlie didn't return for his 3rd Class year and chose to try civilian life for awhile. Finding this way of life boring he decided to return his Second class year for some fun and excitement. Ring Figure was the highlight of the year, or at least it was supposed to be. But for Charlie, it didn't seem that way. Not only did his ring get messed up but Charlie did not have your "typical" Ring Figure Weekend! Charlie's academics were not too typical either 2nd Class year. With his 2.3 in Economics he came back first class year ready to meet the challenge. After deciding that the tennis team was going to take too much of his valuable study time, Charlie buckled down and went to work bringing his GPA to a 2.6. Through many "Spells" and "Magic is Fun" routines, Charlie and I had a great time 1st class year. I'll never forget him and I know he will be a success in life no matter what he does. He is just that kind of person! Good luck Charlie.

HIA '79

DYKES 1976: Tom Moody
1982: Dickie Justice

James Martin Sadler

"Reggie"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry — Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Lacrosse 4; A.C.S.; N.B.C. Club; E.M.B. Club 3, 2.

I never realized that VMI would be like it is, but I have come to realize the VMI is a truly unique place. As much as I wished that I went to college, there is no other school where I could have found the one thing which will always be remembered. Helping me through the trials and tribulations, sharing the good times and erasing the bad memories — my friends here at the Institute will always be the best. Don't let the bastards get you down.

DYKES 1976: Scott Lloyd, Dyke Davies, Lang Meem
1982: Bob Louthan

Roy Dabney Sadler

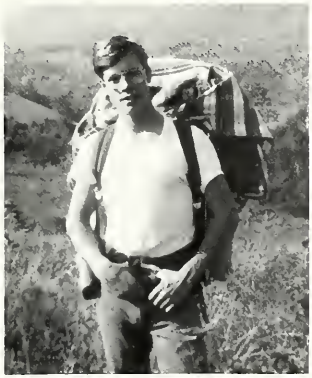
"Dabs, Squat, Fireplug, Dingles, Bean, Judge"
Crozier, Virginia
Biology — Navy

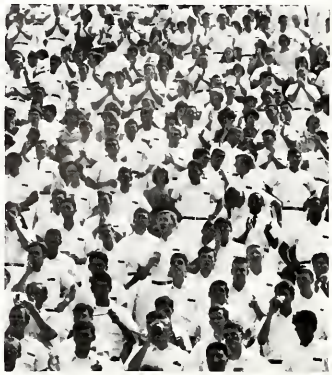
Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Rum Truckers 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 2; College Republicans 2; RFYL 3, 2; Dean's list.

"Little Dabney" entered the Institute on a sunny day in August. We all thought "Roy Bean" was one of those marine types, but he had visions of being a doctor. Then, the Navy made him an offer he couldn't refuse and "dabs" had dreams of future glory at sea. Throughout his cadetship Roy always believed in running immense amounts of —! Oh Boy, those midnight drives to Whites' were just too much. Then, Janice, Roy's true love to be, entered the scene! Now our admiral is soon to be wed on another sunny day! Just remember Roy; good things come in small packages! To a helluva friend and B.R. good luck in your future endeavors.

D.A.Z.

DYKES 1976: Thomas L. Brooks IV
1982: Scott Fairburn





Jeryl Stanley Salmond

"Jump'in Jeryl, Jaybo, Salman"
Columbia, South Carolina
History — Air Force

"Thou art indeed just, Lord, if I contend
With thee; but, sir, so what I plead is just.
Why do sinners' ways prosper? and why must
Disappointment all I endeavour end?
Wert thou my enemy, O thou my friend,
How wouldst thou worse, I wonder, than thou dost
Defeat, thwart me? Oh the sots and thralls of lust
Do in spare hours more thrive than I that spend,
Sir, life upon thy cause. See, banks and brakes
Now, leaved how thick! laced they are again
With fretty chervil, look, fresh wind shakes
Them; birds build — but not I build; no, but strain,
Time's eunuch, and not breed one work that wakes.
Mine, O thou lord of life, send my roots rain."

Gerald Manley Hopkins

Bill Sarvay

"U.B., Blue Shoes, Sornuts"
Highland Springs, Virginia
Modern Language — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4; Born Losers 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1; Lab Assistant 1; Victim of Sparkey's Midnight Poker Bust 3; Scott Shipp Gammon Tourney 1.

VMI has left many bad tastes in my mouth, but there have been good times and great people here that I will miss when I leave the Big I. I have had many memorable evenings with "Killer" and matching Bones for Bones in the ever competitive sport of "Gammon". Not to mention the Mean Eights and the after stick runs to Timber Ridge. I just want to thank the people (and they know who they are) who have helped to make VMI bearable. I also owe a lot to my parents, who have given me support the whole way. Well, my four year sentence is up and I'm ready to leave. I would never recommend VMI to anyone, but then again, I will never regret going here. Hasta Luego.

DYKES: 1976: Tom Zuegner
1982: Mike Shea

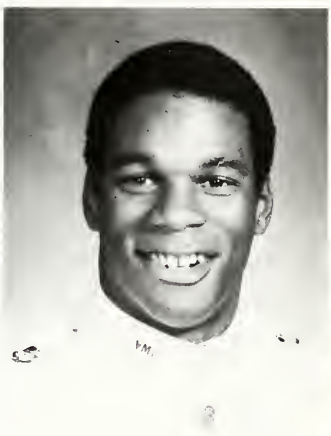
Steven Scaglione

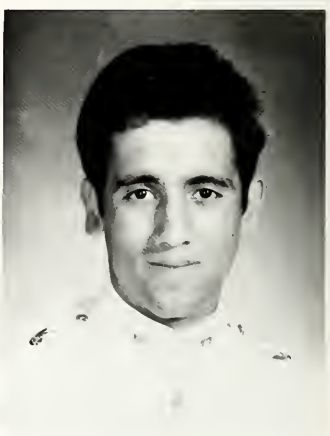
"Scag, S, Sach, Mop Wop"
New York City
CE — Air Force

N.Y.-N.J. Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of American Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1; Society of Americans Military Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1 (V.P. 1); Intramural Handball 3, 2, 1.

The "Sach" entered the "I" after a brilliant military high school career. This ultra-patriot had designs on military glory. The "S" was a ranker at heart, but he lost it. "S" saw his future in the sky as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He became a true "Zoomie". "S" was the recipient of much rambling from all ends of the room. He lost all the battles but still has hopes of winning the war! Steve will be remembered as the greatest floor sweeper in history. However, in the serious side, the "S" has been a good roommate, and a helluva guy. He is sure to find success in the sky. Steve good luck in your future endeavors.

DYKES: 1976: Mike "Dirtball" Camden
1982: Harry "Breezy" Briesmaster





Daniel W. Schlickenmeyer Jr.

"Slick, Waterhead, Slack"
Newport News, Virginia
Biology — Air Force

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain Indoor and Outdoor 1; FCA 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club; #1 Club.

They call him Slick as it was too hard to say Schlickenmeyer. He is remembered for his adherence to the rules of V.M.I. and rapport with Institute officials. Slick never fit in. He started breaking regulations before he knew there were any. The only time he didn't have a vehicle in Lexington was when it was allowed. When (if) he gets out, he wants to be a forest ranger and babysit polar bears in Colorado. Since there are none there, he'll have plenty of time for Jeepin' — his only faithful love to date. His heart was broken, but it was nothing a motorcycle and Susan couldn't cure. He was fast for a white boy, and whoever he ends up with — he won't deserve her.

I don't know where I'm goin', but I'm makin' record time.

DYKES: 1976: Oscar Cammuse, Bernie Riesbeck
1982: Joey Keyes

Eric Martin Schwarz

"Eric"
Glen Rock, New Jersey
History — Military Police

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Cadet Assistant 1; DMS/DMG; AUSA 2, 1; Karate Club 4, 3, 2; T.C.F.C. 3, 2; Dean's Other List; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished 1.

Eric came to VMI looking for an Army commission and a Monte Carlo. He may accomplish his goals. His likable nature, interest in fairness and in other's welfare have made him a true friend. W.R.T.

I guess the English lessons he gave to his two foreign roommates Rat year explain why he got on Academic Probation. I still can't speak English properly. T.M.Y.

When I came I didn't think of VMI as a college. Rat year and Academic Probation proved that. Thanks to my parents, friends, and roommates I have survived and prospered in the VMI system. VMI has been the greatest experience of my life. I take with me a B.A., memories, close friendships, personal honor, and the desire to face the future.

DYKES: 1976: Ares Koumis
1982: Dave Gallalee, Carl Tremaglio

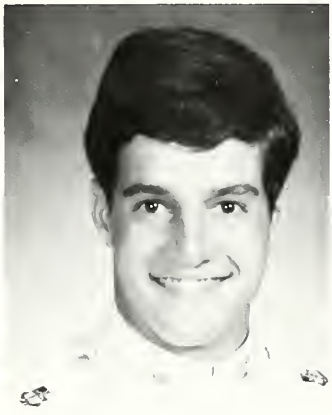
Harry Edwin Semler III

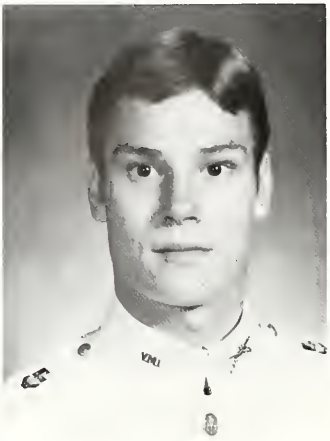
"Uncle Ed, Fast-Eddie, Smeller"
Newport, Rhode Island
Economics — Navy

Soccer 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; #1 Club 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3.

I came upon them one evening, on a snowey night in the midst of midterm exams during the third class year. (We'll skip the Rat Year though it was very eventful, just not interesting). The grades inflated immensely. Apartment 261 gave me my ring, but not before CAPT. Mines sentenced me for my villainous auto, to four Big ones at the I. Then Mary Baldwin College helped contribute 3.5 more for good measure. That's where Mike, Sam, and I come in . . . thank you Gordy! Confinement went quickly and joyfully second semester, thank you "Elouise Clarabelle". Now it all will end with J.C., Reep-a-deep-a-deep, and Barnuts. Thank you VMI for helping me get three years in the Navy. That's a total of 7 wonderful, glorious years.

DYKES: 1976: Ronnie Moore
1982: Rudi Mizusawa





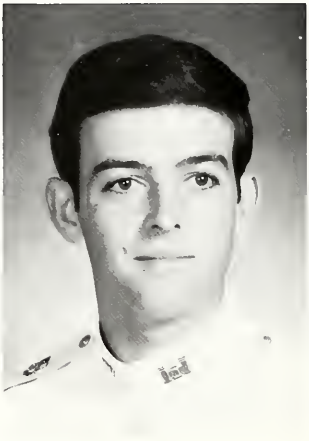
Daniel Scott Sheahan

"Dan The Man, Fast Dan, Oblio"
Fairfax, Virginia
History — Army

Varsity Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Diving 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club; Ski Club Ghetto 2, 1; Number One Club 4; Sky Kings Part II; Horseshoe Club 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

What can I say except thanks to everyone who made it all possible. It's really been quite a four years. There were some hard hits here which I realized after obtaining a No. 1. Well I never made the same mistake twice and managed to survive. I've got to admit there were some blue days here but then again I had some of the most memorable. Fast lived days in the ghetto, the "negative world" and story man cliffs, and all the good times with the Bimbo were short lived but I will always relate them to VMI. Best regards are extended to "Shady" and "Bimbo" who spent many a long night in 238; all I can say now is "Long May They Run". Well "Now that the past is gone" good luck to everyone in the Class of 1979.

DYKES: 1976: Jim Mallon, Tad Dodge
1982: Richard Mustakos



Kenneth Patton Shelton

"Poo, Poo Bear, Young Kenneth"
Richmond, Virginia
CE — Air Force

Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE Yearbook Editor 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Cadre 1; Cindy's Fan Club President 1.

Young Kenneth left the Holy City a hell raisin' Rebel and became a hell raisin' Keydet. A Dean's List CE, Poo Bear was also a frequent member of the Commandant's Grub List due to his pranks, and he consummated his longhaired God fearin' private's career by being inducted into the Ghetto Corner Housing Project. Besides the MBC raid, he was noted for his technique of deer hunting by way of Jeep (with heater and engine running), and his vivid description of hazardous driving conditions on Afton Mt. which earned him many an extended vacation. But, his car always made it South to the Salem Exit. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Shelton for helping Kenny cope with VMI and giving us a great B.R.

DYKES: 1976: Mike Dietrick
1982: Tony Edwards

Kon Young Shin

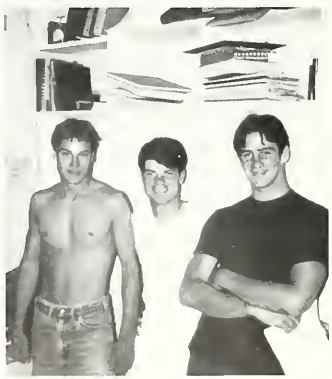
"Crazy Korean 4; Shinky Boy 3; KY 1"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Navy

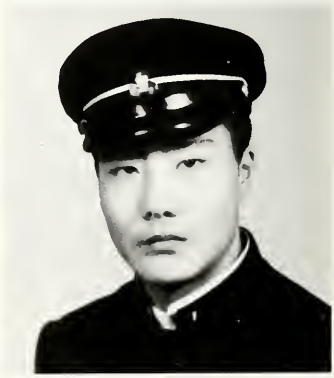
Karate and Judo 4, 3; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; Delta 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 2; Handball 2, 1; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; Capt. 1.

Am I a Soldier of the Cross, a follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?
Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed thro' bloody seas?
Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
Sure I must fight, if I would reign; increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by Thy word.

God bless you my brothers and my Brother Rats; Remember? PRIDE, HONOR, SPIRIT, CORPS, DELTA.

DYKES: 1976: Bob Winfree
1982: Trey Phillips, Brad Vanderwarker





David Wayne Sholler

"Dave, Doctor, Big Ed, A.B."
Lebanon, Maine
English — Marine Corps

Rugby 4; P.L.C.; Intramural Basketball 4; Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, 1; Navy Pistol Team 3; 360 FTN Club 3; Intramural Football 2; 272 Band; 172 Band; 172 Flying Squadron; 172 Opium Den.

In short, you see, the essential is to cease being free and to obey, in repentance, a greater rogue than oneself. When we are all guilty, that will be democracy. Without counting, Cher Ami, that we must take revenge for having to die alone. Death is solitary, whereas slavery is collective. The others get theirs, too, and at the same time as we — That's what counts. All together at last, but on our knees and heads bowed.

Camus

I wish to bring out the spiritual beauty of man. That fleeing that lovers have when, after a long separation and flurry of welcomes, there comes a time of acceptance once more; A heart's reunion. I'd like to thank my parents.

DYKES 1976: "Clutch" Davis

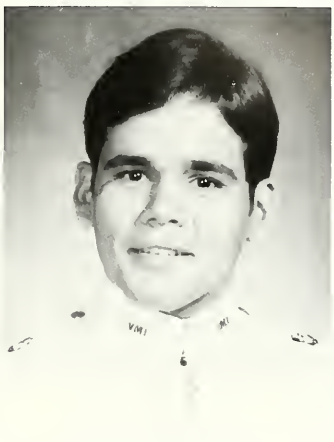
Robert Leonard Sievert

"Sieversani, Squirrel"
Pueblo, Colorado
Army — Infantry

Rifle Team 4, 3, 2; Bomb Staff 4; BSU 4, 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

If the words "Brother Rat" could be spelled any differently they would be spelled: BOB SIEVERT. Bob would give anyone the shirt off his back to help them. He came a long way from that first morning when he jumped four feet off his bed after our door was kicked in. That first year was Hell and Bob had a way of putting his roommates in a laundry bag at ten minute call. His persistance, devotion to duty and academics made him a favorite for many a brother rat in need of help. He also had a way of making people's problems not seem as bad after they had talked to him. Bob exemplifies the ideals that make a VMI man and with his double major of CE — EE he will do well in the world outside the walls of VMI.
GOOD LUCK!!!

DYKES 1976: Ted Mouras
1982: John Meadows, Flappy



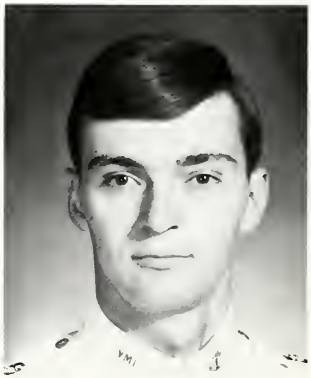
Joe Olivera Simas III

"Joe O, Joey, Jose, Fireplug, Disco-Joe"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Army Engineers

Wrestling 4, 3; Chess Club 2, 1; IEEE; Doubles Handball Champions '77-'78; BOMB photographer 4, 3, 2, 1; Barracks Electrician 1; Ring Figure Ring Building Committee 2; Rat 4, Pvt. 3, 2, Sub-human 1.

When Simas went on another diet, we all knew better; When Simas laid down to "Study", we all knew better; And when he said that he had to *study* instead of drinking at the Cockpit, *I* knew better, because I'd wait about 10 minutes and he'd run over to the room in blouse babbling something about "All work and no play . . .". Joe was fortunate his senior year, being in one of the two rooms in barracks that subscribed to *Apartment Life*; curtains here, a refrigerator there, a couple of throw pillows in the living room . . . Our third class year, I never saw much of him; he was either at Mary Wash., or down in Cocke Hall. As for Joe's future, I'm sure he'll meet the expectations of everyone here, and especially those of his father; (as long as you keep him away from the rack, pizza, handball, cookies, women, and the bench press)

DYKES 1976: Gary L. Knight
1982: Curtis Nichols (Doc)



Wayne Alan Skinner

"Lenard"
Havertown, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 2, 1; Coffee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Silent Force 1.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the powers of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Thank you Mom and Dad for the pat on the back when I needed it. I love you both dearly.

My Brother Rats will always be in my prayers. To Hank, Kon, Stan, and John, I give my love (Brothers!).

DYKES: 1976: Mike Mulligan
1982: John Demeo

Charles Edward Smith

"Chuck, C.E., Smitty"
Piscataway, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Navy

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; 2nd Bn. S-5; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 1; Engaged 2, 1; Married ?; Varsity Letter Writing 3, 2, 1;-02 Club 3, 2, 1.

Arriving from the "North" it didn't take me long to realize that life's much better in Virginia. Strange things about my four years at VMI, I liked them. If the choice were mine again, I wouldn't make any changes. I grew up here and found love and friendship. What made my four years happy ones were the people I came to know and who I love.

No one understands the meaning of BR more than you, Scott. My adopted mom and family, it's hard to explain how special you are to me. It's nice "coming home to the place I'd never been before." My folks, I love you all dearly; you made me what I am. And especially you, honey; you were always there with your understanding and caring. The waiting's over now, we can be together.

DYKES: 1976: Marshall Coyle
1982: Eric Odderstol

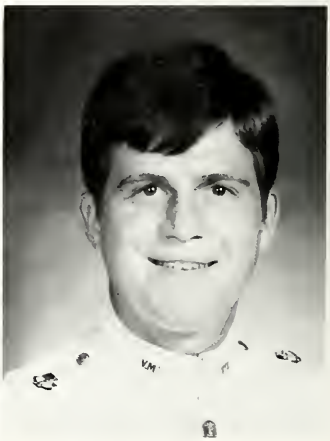
Dean Eric Smith

"Bean, Bumblio, Mean Dean the Dancing Machine"
Manassas, Virginia
CE — Army Corps of Engineers

Track 4; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Navy Pistol Team 3; Cadet Newspaper 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; ASME 2, 1; Ski Club 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 3.

The "Bean Man" came to the Institute with a "red neck" grin and an attitude that he was about to be an inmate for a while. Well, after many piles of trials, a separated shoulder and many a 4 a.m. night in Mallory Hall he may pull through with a CE degree. Anyone who hasn't heard a thirty minute, pull your leg story from the Bean has missed something. Well after an elevated week in the land of negativeness and another strange experience (crashing down Stein's Run) in Vermont. The Bean proved he could survive the cruelest weather and wildest parties. Well, it's all behind us now, and all that's left is unconquered territory, dreams of the past and hopes for the future.

DYKES: 1976: Clyde Lee Furr, Ed Crews
1982: Chris Eichman, Chris Schrichte



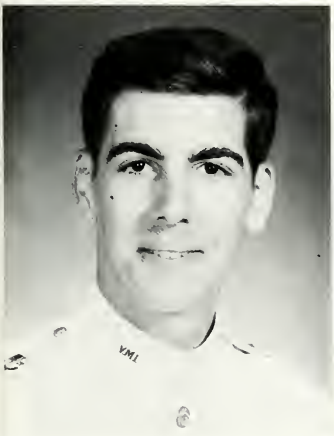
David Robert Smith Jr.

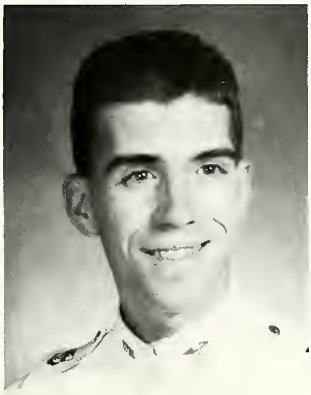
"Dave, Boots"
San Francisco, California
History — Army

Fencing Team 4, 3; Volleyball 2; Karate 2; Rangers 1; Hokie Patrol 4, 3, 1; March to New Market 4, 2; AUSA 2, 1; Ski Club 2; Student Grotto 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3, 2, 1; The Great Mary Baldwin Raid October 7, 1977; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

In a way, I'm sorry that no one knew me well enough to write this for me. It is the price you pay, sometimes, when your standards are strict and different and you won't compromise. If I've let anyone down, I'm sorry. It's been good to spend the last four years with the men of '79. It makes me proud. We've been through a lot of trials together and it hasn't been easy at times, but we made it and we did well. I couldn't have done it without my brother rats' encouragement, support, warmth and friendship. Every time a person says good-bye, it can be harder than before. Boys, I hope I see y'all again sometime. Goodbye, shalom aleichem and God bless you all.

DYKES 1976: Charlie Archer
1982: Jim Bailey





Jeffrey Greenwood Smith Jr.

"Jeff, Jeffrey G."
Fort Meade, Maryland
English, Biology — Infantry

Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, Sec. 2, Vice Pres. 1; JV Basketball 4, 2; VMI Theater 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; F Co. Executive Officer — Rat Co. Comm. 1; American Legion Gold Medal for Military Excellence; ROTC Top 5% Distinguished Graduate Fellowship Program; DMS; DMG; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Being a good friend of Jeff's over the last four years has truly been an enriching part of my life. His ever present smile and "hello", his beautiful Christian love, and his wonderful regard for his fellow man, always tend to brighten up the days for those that know him. He is well respected and liked by those in the Corps. Jeff has experienced a full and varied past and the last four years at VMI have been no less trying and difficult. But with his hard work, dedication, and continuous late study, he has come through to become the tops in the English Dept. and become a leading example of a cultured, talented and hard working man. MGW

DYKES 1976: Bill Danzeisen III, Ray Beazley, 1982: Douglas Burdett

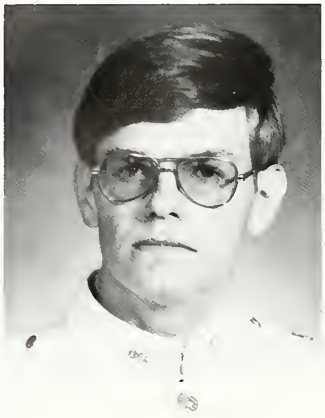
Jamie Lee Smith

"S.B., Hey You, J.L."
Virginia Beach, Virginia
English, French — Navy

Timmins Music Society, ENSOC, 366-266-166 Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble; Mary Baldwin Raid Survivor; Secularist Society; DB, KB and SB Philosophical Debating Gaggle; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; Lt. 1.

Finis — all the things that I found unbearable here, from the OCMNI down to the QMD. I hope their memory doesn't fade to acquiescence as class reunions come and go. Of course, four years with Dave van Wagner has improved my endurance, but I'm not so sure about my sanity, and three with K.B., Keith Ranker, has given me many metaphysical antimonies to consider and ultimately reject. Anyway, the 366, 266, 166 gang of three has proven that mutually exclusive personalities really can live together and enjoy it immensely. Finally, the English Department has taught me that there is indeed such a thing as knowledge for its own sake; I am delighted to have been an LA here, and I hope the engineers all find their precious job satisfaction.

DYKES 1976: Pat Barnum
1982: Kevin Lundgren



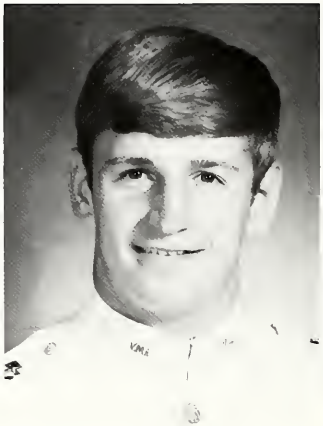
James Parke Kemp Smith

"Parke, JPK, J.P., Parkov, J.W., Smithsani"
Ashland, Virginia
C.E. — United States Air Force

Dean's List 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 3, 2, 1; President, UVC 3, 2; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3; Firefighters 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2.

Parke and I met for the first time in August of our Third Class Year and we have become like brothers. We have had troubled times, but we have gotten along most of the time. We have been through a lot together: Remember the time we made it back from RMWC in 47 minutes? Parke has put up with my excessive talking, late late hours, my "midnight shrines", Ring Figure preparations, and other assorted irritations. I wish him all the luck and happiness in the world. Life will go smoothly for him because Parke does well in everything he does. We will go our separate ways in May, but I will always remember him as my B.R. God Bless You, my Brother. DRD

DYKES 1976: Alan Kinker
1982: John Boyd



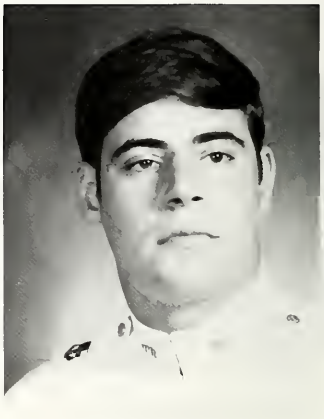
Alan Soltis

"Disco Al"
Tarentum, Pennsylvania
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.

The last four years at the "I" have given me much to be thankful for. I've learned an awful lot, even calculus after a few tries. I've had a lot of fun while here, and I have met some of the best people in the world. The thing I'll remember most about VMI is what it's taught me about myself. The foundation it has helped me mold, to build my life on. Thank you fellows for the four years we've shared together. A special thank you to Dad, Mom, Sis, and Lisa whom I couldn't have made it without, and especially thank you Dear Lord for always being there to help.

DYKES 1976: Mike Martino
1982: Dick Moore
Doug Smith



Thomas James Sotos

"Oscar Madison, Greek, Bluto"
Richmond, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Rat Football 4; Cadet Waiters 2; President, Eastern Orthodox Youth Organization 2; RDC 1st Vice President 1; Gladiators 2; NEB Cadet Assistant 1.

I cannot account for the four years that I spent at VMI. That seemingly endless route to a diploma is slurred in my memory, characterized by monotony, seclusion, and at times, utter dejection. I will graduate from VMI solely because of the friends that I have made there and the few that cared enough to keep in touch following high school. To all of you, what can I say? When I needed someone to complain to, you offered yourselves. During those precious free weekends, you helped me forget about it all. Please believe me when I say that you are all priceless to me and will remain forever in my thoughts. My thanks to Colonel Sculley for the pep talks which kept me in school. The portion of my tuition that went to NEB was the one part worth paying.

DYKES 1976: Mike "The D" Dietrick
1982: Cabell Potts

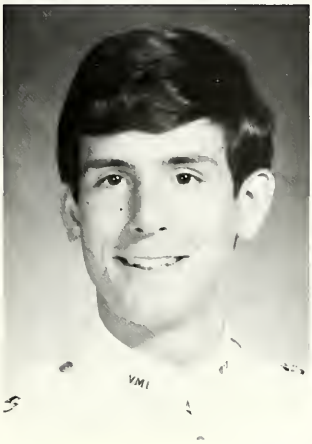
Philip Leroy Southers

"Mohammed, Leroy"
Waynesboro, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Cadet Program Board President; President Cadet Recreation Committee; Cadet Activities Committee; Posit Committee; Debate; Features Editor Cadet; TCFC Vice President; DMS; Pre-law Society; Cadet Assistant Marshall Library; Omicron Delta Epsilon; Concessions Council; Young Economists; College Republicans.

Never have two such opposite people gotten along so well or for so long. Through the ups and downs of the VMI experience it has been Phil and I. Since that first day of Rat Year, we came from different molds, we always complemented each other. His studiousness and inquisitiveness have taught me to strive for the best and not to settle for the status quo. I shall surely miss our after-taps debates. Thanks Phil. Thanks for making these past 4 years worth the effort. Good luck and remember that the "I" wasn't such a bad place after all.

DYKES 1976: Gary Knight
1982: Cliff Rockwell, Dave Shutt



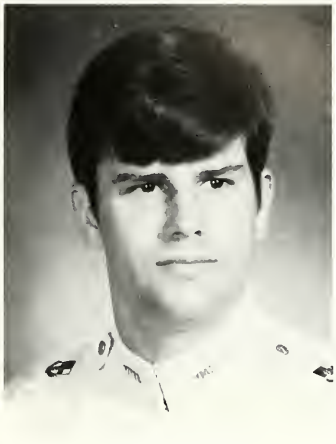
Meade Addison Spotts

"Meathead, Peasant, Spitz, Meadus"
Dublin, Virginia
History — Army (90 Days)

Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Editor-in-Chief '79 *BOMB* Manager, Lejeune Hall, V.P. Hop 'n Floor; Academically Distinguished 2, 1; Distinguished Military Student, God-Fearin' PRIVATE 4, 3, 2, 1; Charter Member SSS; Pre-Law Society; Circle K; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

I arrived at the "I" expecting to find myself among hell rais'in Rebels, and found instead hundreds of damnYankees (one word). But to my chagrin they and the Good Ole Boys pulled me through the ordeal. To my family, Scott and M.A., I offer my apologies for the complaints you put up with. I thank all of my friends at the "I" for their friendship, and to Col. Jamison, Bill, and Dr. Monsour, a special thanks. VMI has given me that same inexplicable treasure it has others, yet it has taken from me that something which I shall never be able to put into words. Perhaps it takes true character to leave . . . But, what the heck, see y'all at the 1st football game.

DYKES 1979: Jerry Codutti
1982: Jeff Modisett, Steve Checca



Dennis Wayne Staples

"The Grave Digger, Digger, Dink"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army Corps of Engineers

A Company Grub Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3; Cadet Firefighter 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Sports Car Club 1.

Brother Rat Staples matriculated like the rest of us on that fateful day Wednesday, August 20, 1975. His having just returned from a long summer vacation in sunny California, spent jumping off of bridges and insane partying, did little to prepare the Digger for the next four days of cadre. Rat haircuts, clean shaves, a uniform, and attention to detail greatly changed his previous way of life. Four years and the same number of summer schools later, there has been little change, but somewhere along the way he has learned how to study, do homework, and other things. With his cadetship finally drawing to an end Dennis is preparing to leave the mother "I" and find life on the outside again. Armed with his arsenal he will more than probably make it. What A Long Strain It's Been.

DYKES 1976: Keith Portner
1982: Allen Ewell Jr.

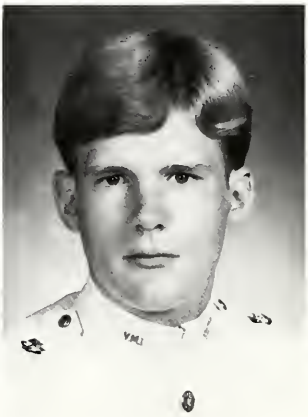
Michael C. Staso

"Stace"
Anderson, Missouri
Biology — Field Artillery

Rifle Team 4, 3; Militaria Society 4, 3; VMI Museum Assistant 2; Lejuene Assistant 2, 1; DMS 1.

I came to VMI a sight unseen, not knowing what to expect, but finding out quickly enough. It's been a short span in time, but a long duration in experiences. Though I can't say I'll be sad to pass through Limits Gate for the last time, I'll still look back with fond memories. More than memories follow as I leave though. Friendships and the VMI spirit also endure the departure, following into the various pursuits of each of us upon graduation.

DYKES 1976: The First Class
1982: Paul Capozzoli



Jack R. Stevenson IV

"Jack, Squints"
Alexandria, Virginia
C.E. — Navy

ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1 — Secretary 1; Rumtruckers 2; Mallory Hall Study Club 3, 2, 1.

Jack came to VMI hoping to pursue the career of his dreams, but soon found that the Navy had no slots for Railroad Engineers. His attention turned to the Civil Engineering third-class year which led to many Saturday night "celebrations" uptown. Second class year, Jack turned his attention to the social aspects of VMI and had a good time at Ring Figure with the B.Q. We will never forget all the long nights of pacing at Mallory with "S" and Andy, or all the trouble we got in there. Things always seemed to turn out right though, whether it was exams, Ring Figure, block running, artic camping, illegal cars, fireworks, civilian clothes, or just a blind date with a couple of foxes. You worked hard at VMI Jack and I hope you are successful wherever you go. TRK

DYKES 1976: Jim Puckette
1982: John Chander

John David Stocker

"Dave, J.D."
Bowie, Maryland
History — Armor

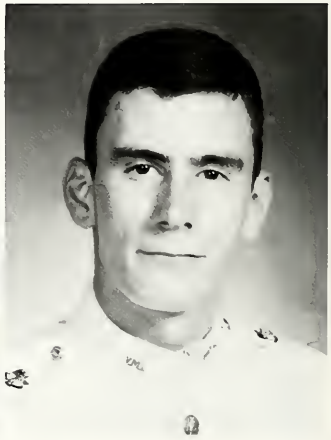
Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Reg. S-5 Lt. 1; Militaria Society 4, 3; Tanker Platoon 2; S-5 Staff 1; AUSA; Chairman, Finance and Program Committees 2, 1; Airborne School 1; Army Orientation Training 1; Dean's List 3, 2; Rat Training Cadre 3, 1.

To write the class history of Dave is not an easy task because Dave is the kind of a man that words cannot describe. Dave came to VMI with aspirations of becoming an Army Officer and after four years, the drive and determination which characterizes him is still going strong. He has a natural ability to lead which will make him that outstanding officer that we all know he can be.

In time of trouble, J.D. is always there. He is a great Brother Rat, one whom I'm proud to call my friend:

I know I'll see him again. Our friendship over the last four years will see to it. What else can I say?! He's Airborne! H.J.R.

DYKES 1976: Steve Borowski
1982: Daryl Deke



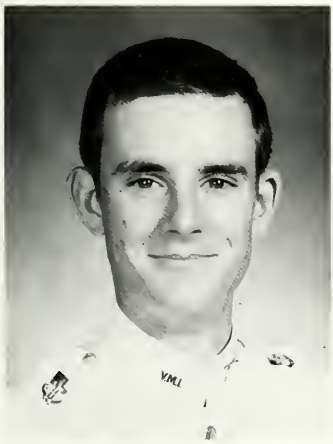
Henry Micheal St. Pierre

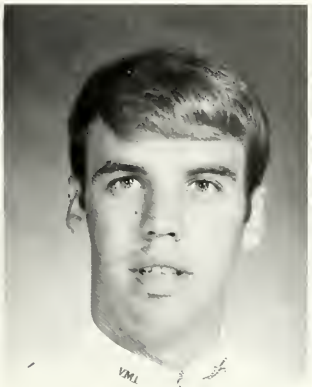
"Hank, Squat-Body, The Littlest Ranger"
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
English — Infantry (Airborne/Ranger)

AUSA 2, 1; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 3, 2, 1; "17" Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List (Not Even Close) 4, 3, 2, 1; Used and Abused 3, 2, 1; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Corporal 3; Sgt. 2; DMS 1; Ranger School 2; Airborne School 3.

I want to use this space to thank the people who have made VMI possible. First and foremost is Mom and Dad. I want to apologize for the aggravation and worry which you have had over me for the past four years and to thank you for the love and support which you have given me. The Diploma will be yours as well as mine. Next, I want to thank Pete, Tom and John, for taking me into the "17" Club. If nothing else, the friendship built over the past three years made VMI all worth it. I hope we never lose contact with each other. Last but not least, "Brother Rat George" and Mama Szabo; Thank you so much for all those weekends which you have made tolerable. To Maria: Thanks for the Honey Cake — it was great.

DYKES: 1976: Dyke Davies
1982: Joe Yodzis





Robert Lee Suthard, Jr.

"Bob"
Culpepper, Virginia
Economics — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Math Club 2, 1; Swimming Instructor, Lifeguard 2, 1; President VMI Cheerleaders 1; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2; Cadre 4, 3; President Empty Mailbox Club.

For four years I have been looking forward to leaving. I came as a Rat full of ideas, I will leave with many more, but much more conservative. The best thing about graduating will be getting married to Nancy who has waited for me the last two years, she is worth my graduating so that we may have a better life together.

Mom and Dad will be glad to see me graduate, and I will always appreciate the worry and trouble they went through to get me this far. They must think a lot of me, because it was definitely harder for them to get me through these last years.

Good Luck Tom and Joe. Take care dykes, especially you Mike.

DYKES: 1976: Mike Hancock
1982: Mike Murphy

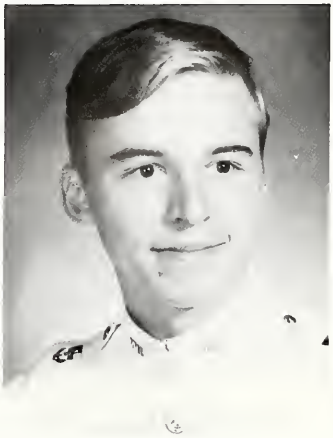
Karl Ralph Swartz

"Cow, Shorts, Swartzie"
Afton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat XO; Fencing 4; Tankers 3, 2; Rat Training 1; ASCE; College Republicans; AUSA.

Meeting Karl in the Wizard's class has proven to be one of my more fortunate occurrences at VMI. He has a dynamic personality and an air of good will that can make even the worst day seem bearable. However, the most admirable quality he has is a sincerity of purpose. Always available to give a helping hand, even when it interferes with his own work has endeared Karl to many of us at VMI. Karl's knack for understanding material is only undermined by his ability to forget it all as soon as he opens a quiz; however, his success is assured since he knows more than anybody else. Best of luck in the future, and I sincerely hope you do not change for you are truly one of the few that has everything together. RBR

DYKES: 1976: John Verricker
1982: Adam Pawtaze (Sneezy)



Peter Francis Nicholas Alexander Szabo

"Petie, Szaby-Baby, Zeebo, Zazbo"
Staten Island, New York
Mathematics — Air Force

Dean's Other List 4; Arnold Air Society 2, 1; 17 Club 3, 2, 1; Foster-Szabo Memorial 500, 2; Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; R-MWC Fan Club 2, 1.

There are many things that should be said in this little space so I'll try to do my best. First and foremost, my thanks to the other three members of the 17 Club for tolerating me for the past three years. Their friendship and humor has made the time here not only tolerable, but enjoyable as well. To "Brother Rat" George and Mom also many, many thanks for putting up with alot of things in four years that surely caused many a worry and grey hair. My special thanks to a very special individual who made this final year a very memorable one. VMI, you have definitely taught me alot. When I leave I'll take a wealth of knowledge that will help me a great deal, I only wish the lessons weren't so hard to learn.

DYKES 1976: Bob Macks
1982: Chris Devens

Gleb Oleska Taran

"Tarango, Gleby, Glebchik, Slav, Scourge"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
CE — Corps of Engineers

College Republicans, Vice-President 3; President 4; Timmins Music Society; Hop and Floor Committee; Rat Disciplinary Committee; Society of American Military Engineers; American Society of Civil Engineers.

Just West of the Blue Ridge Mountains lies the Great Vally of Virginia, The Shennandoah. Being one of the most hotly contested areas of the Civil War, this valley, which begins at Lexington, is also the home of this military school to which I was drawn. Having come unbelievably close to attending Virginia Tech, it was the certain unmistakable quality of this Institute that changed my direction in life. However it was not as much the school as the brotherhood of honorable men into which I entered. Having spent four years studying here and weekends of swashbuckling heroics at Tech., UVA, Longwood and SweetBriar, I have come to appreciate my brother Rats more than ever. I'd like to thank my roommates, Tim and Charles for being themselves and making the club 67.

DYKES 1976: Alan Kinker
1982: Scott Crumpler

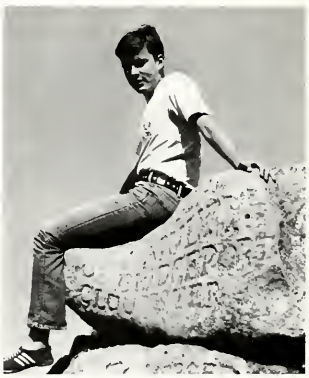
David Lee Taylor

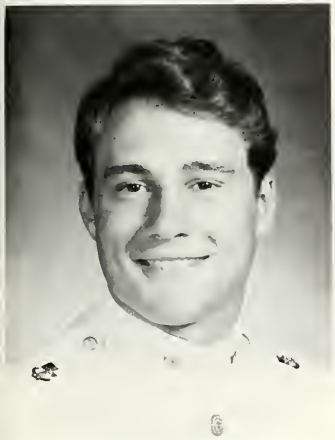
"Dave, Tayho, Dave², Dub"
Chester, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Rebel Yell Club; Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Forget Hell Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; Chester Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1.

I was one of a very short line of Taylor's to come to VMI — The only one — it was my Mother's idea. Thanks Mom!! I left high school as the class clown and I carried that same attitude here. I tried to find humor in everything that happened here. This wasn't hard when you roomed with Jeter and Drew. Together we made a threesome that terrorized barracks and the hops with regularity. As this year draws to a close, I can't believe it has been four years since I walked through the arch with Jeter; it seems more like seven. This place had its moments but there's no need to mention them because they're forgotten. I would like to say thanks to my parents for their support, and my grandmother for making this last semester possible. Finally, thanks to Stephanie for making this year my best.

DYKES 1976: Curtis Butterworth
1982: Grayson Scott, Jeff Judkins





J. Stafford Taylor, Jr.

"Gut, Nappyhead, Four Point Pierre, Night Owl"
St. Louis, Missouri
Economics — Air Force

Football 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 4; Ski Club 2; Cadet Newspaper Circulation Staff; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Summer School Club 4, 3, 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

By coming to VMI there are various things I have learned which stick out in my mind most. One such lesson being in an academic or military environment is not in my interests. Surprisingly enough however, VMI still had more to offer. Three offerings of which I shall always value. The first being belief in myself to succeed despite the conditions. Second, the ability to deal with people and a seemingly infinite number of personalities. And third, everlasting friendships. I thank my father, mother, and sister for their love, understanding, and encouragement. I couldn't love you all more. I wish the best of luck to my roommates Vester, Chops, Steve, and Brad. Also to the Class of '79 and my Rat Troy. Take Care!

DYKES: 1976: Jim Hobbs
1982: Troy Kincer

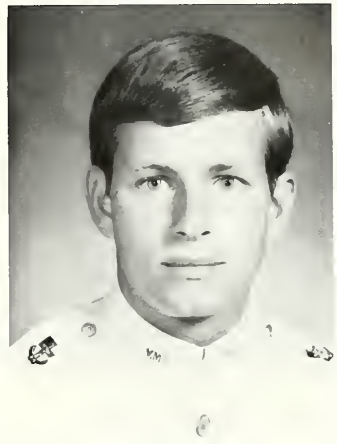
Michael Don Thomas

"Silky, The Ghoul, King Cockpit, Thomasina"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Economics — Navy

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; 1st Secretary RDC; Treasurer Society of Young Economists 2, 1; Tidewater Club 4, 3, 2, 1 (President); Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; New Cadet Cadre 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 2, 1; Ski Club 3; President Lonely Hearts Club 1; Distinguished Naval Student.

If only 10% of the Silk's reputation were true, then I can't believe he would even consider leaving Virginia Beach. However, in August of 1975 Silky left with a golden tan and girls galore. Now, four years later, he is going back to regain those pleasures. Mike is one of the few but proud guys who has survived Crewsian Tactics, 3rd Class year, Ring Figure and the 1st class blahs. I'll never forget those Saturday nights in the Cockpit, Room 108, and those Lonely Hearts Club antics. Mike, my love life has prospered, due to your expertise concerning the workings of the female mind (and anatomy). I'm going to miss you.

DYKES: 1976: Mark C. Sculley
1982: Andrew Balding, Patrick Dreyfus



Vester Jay Thompson III

"Vester, Bama, Jayser, Blazer"
Mobile, Alabama
Civil Engineering — Army (Engineers)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat 4; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Secretary RDC; Dixie 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

As Jay left L.A., Lexington proved to be quite a place. The boys at the "University" seemed to be always running the show. From the first cantaloupe thrown through summer camp at Ft. Drag, VMI will always have a place somewhere in his mind. In respect to the future, it appears bright as long as he can manage to escape the hap'ns at Sem and the tranquility of 148. Good luck thanks for everything. REBEL YELL.

DYKES: 1976: John B. Kirk
1982: Frank (DULL) Douglas, Dave (Mr. Excitement) Liddicoet

Richard Monroe Toft

"Confinement Kid, Casanova Worm"
Milford, Virginia
Biology — Artillery

Proud F_____ Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Mary Baldwin College Sunday Social Club 2, 1; M.B.C. Raider 2; Winner Block Running Marathon 1 Semester 2; Big Loser 2nd Semester 2; Phi Tappa Keg Fraternity 4, 3, 2, 1; Day Student 3, 2, 1; Col. Hundley Fan Club 3, 2, 1.

Four years at V.M.I. is too much for anyone, especially fun loving fools. Seems like it's always easier to get into things than out of them (especially trouble). The runs to Redfront on the weeknights, the ever present civilian clothes for a day student, Frat. practices at W&M, the Paramount Inn on Friday night, and I didn't mention T. Street and some certain young lady. Five nights out of a week, actually spent in barracks was a rare event second class year. If there was a rule that wasn't broken . . . Oh well!

In this world you either take or you're tooken. Figures lie and liars figure and the only thing worth all the trouble is a good bourbon, a good bed and a busy woman.

DYKES: 1976: Nelson A. Jeffers
1982

Brian Steven Tollie

"Tollie, Brian, B.S."
Bristol, Virginia
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Co. Cadre; Ranger Plt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Tanker Plt. 1; AUSA 1; DMS; U.S. Army Airborne School; U.S. Army Ranger School.

Rooming with the same guy for four years is a rare feat at VMI but Briand and I did it. Raz, Goldie, Dave and Tom were only visitors. Brian, who insisted everyone call him "Tollie" until our second class year was the perfect roomie. "It doesn't take much to make me happy" was an oft-quoted phrase of his but what made him down right ecstatic was to play practical jokes on anyone and everyone. From falling water to ringing cartridge boxes, you name it, he perpetrated it. We were avenged though when fate dealt him the Ring Figure plague leaving Poff with two babes at Hotel Roanoke, a practical joke in itself. A generous BR, I remember it all and I'll never forget you Bro. Best of luck. R.E.H.

DYKES: 1976: Dick Williams
1982: Kurt Uhlig

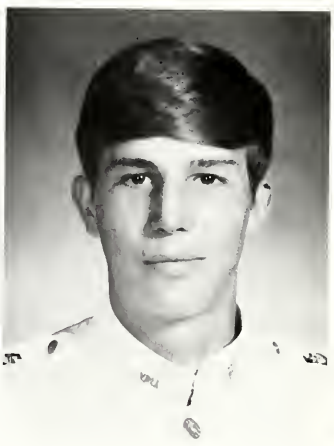
Irving Fillmore Truitt III

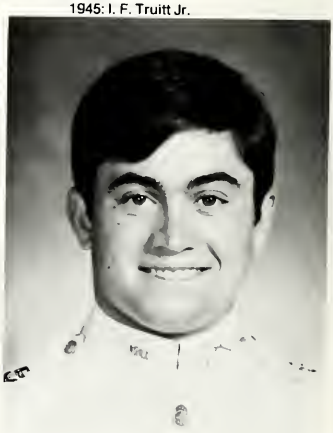
"The Kid, Blood, Bird Legs, Macho Man"
Norfolk, Virginia
Economics — Special Student (Artillery)

Rat 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Cpl. 3; Stud Club 182, 282; Cheerleading 2, 1; O.D.U. 2; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL, SFYL; Lodge Partier 2, 1; Economics Club; Skoal Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

The Kid came to VMI after four years at H.M.A. with a profound education in sleeping and military excellence. Rat year found him grubbing on the wrestling mats and living in the weight room. He discovered a young lass named Susan and if not for her, he would be living on the fourth stoop today (the perpetual rat). The first corporal of the corps had a lot to learn about skipping gym classes and has remained a grub ever since. The first semester his second class year, Weird Harold awarded him the excess demerit citation and he promptly tucked his tail between his legs and headed for O.D.U. The Lodge provided his only escape from the Institute and Hollywood beds have never seen such action. Thanks is given to his father and all his buddies for making VMI possible.

DYKES: 1976: C. C. Roberts
1982: A. B. Alexander
1979: T. H. White
1945: I. F. Truitt Jr.





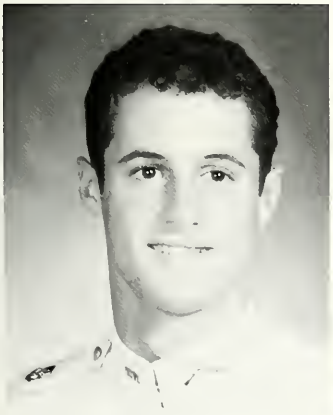
Thomas H. Trumps

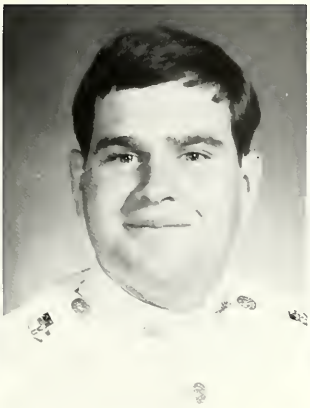
"Devil Boy, Nappy Head, Trump, Rug-Head"
Annandale, Virginia
Economics — Infantry

President, Match Secretary of the VMI Rugby Club; Dean's List 3, 2; Library Cadet Assistant; Society of Young Economists; Cadet Sports Writer; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2.

To say the least, VMI has been an experience. The thought of actually graduating from this place after all the hassles and bones, really makes one wonder. If it hadn't been for Rugby and my friends, this place would have been too unbearable. The best times for me at VMI were when I was away from it. Every weekend was a new experience. We brought parties and good times everywhere we went. The women, the partying, the Hangovers, the OD'ing, Pete Van Hooser, Mardi Gras and all the rest made it a lot easier to come back to VMI. For all of us who broke every rule of the Blue Book, and who risked = 1 offenses every day here and never got caught, at least not that often, we are the lucky ones. That's what it took.

DYKES 1976: Keith Dickson
1982: Eric Roeh'





William Ryan Tulloh

"Too High, Too Low, The Incredible Hulk"
Emporia, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 3; RDC 1; Dean's Other List, 240 Mile Swim Club; Rat Daddy 3, 2; Sports Car Club; "Good Ol' Boys" 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Circulation Staff, Coordinator Cadet Assistant, Summer '78.

What can be said about "The Hulk". His car was always there (or hidden nearby). His number one only slowed him down. And he has survived despite grades. Billy made an agreement with VMI that as long as summer school sessions were being held he would make an appearance. He decided to make graduation a personal check formation (?) despite the RDC and weekends. Friend for four years, roommate for one, Bill was cheerful and glad to help. We had few arguments, his logic would frustrate anyone. Good luck big buddy. In all that I have learned at VMI, the best by far is appreciation. Things tend to seem bad at times, but I will always remember special moments and friends during my cadetship.

DYKES 1976: Tedd Car
1982: Jon Roach, Scott Barger

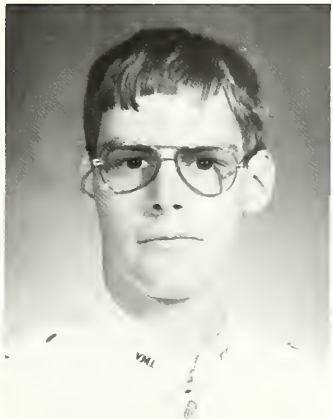
Kirt William Undercoffer

"Kirt, The Kouf, Kinky"
Laurel, Maryland
Math — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet 4, 3; BSU 4, 3; Math Club 2, 1; Zeppelin Platoon S-2 1, Karate Club 4, 3; Tanker Platoon 2, 1.

After bouncing around the world for 17 years our luckless little waif found himself at the doorstep of the Big "I". After 12 escape attempts and 16 roommates our Kwisatz Hadarach has overcome the mightiest of obstacles to carve a niche for himself. Valiantly wielding the two-edged sword of his tongue, he has become the Grand Mufti of Cynicism and has endeared himself to one and all (especially a certain "Worm"). But who could ever say that they really knew our hero? He was, in the words of one, an enigma inside a mystery, wrapped inside a pig-in-a-blanket. With the May 19 Armistice he departs with a bottle of melancholy wine of memories and regrets and a few parting words: Goodbye and good luck one and all. Goodbye VMI, may I never see you again.

DYKES 1976: Carl Opel
1982: John Karikoff



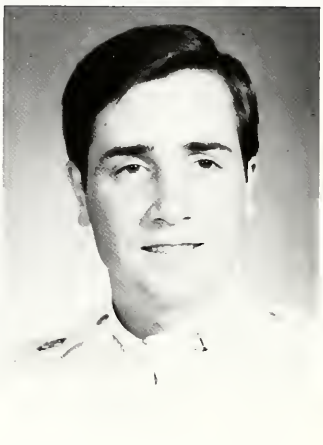
Peter Thomas Underwood

"Pete, PT"
Suffolk, Virginia
History — Marine Corps

Fencing 4, 3; Pistol 3; Firetighters 3, 2; Sport Parachute 3; PLC 2, 1; Brevet Corporal 4; Rat Training 1; Marine Detachment 4, 3, 2, 1; Sec.-Treas. 1.

One of the benefits I have gotten from attending VMI was having Pete as a roommate and more importantly, as a friend. He has been a calming and rational influence on my "crazy" personality. His strong, determined manner has been an example to everyone. He came to VMI with certain goals, and except for one (we never did get to Florida did we?), he has achieved all them no matter how difficult. Through his sense of pride, honor, and guts I am confident that Pete will be very successful in all that he does and will be a credit to his family, his alma mater, and to the U.S. Marine Corps. Good luck Brother Rat and thanks for the memories! Semper Fidelis! M.M.

DYKES 197,: Billy Karnes
1982: Jim Dedo, Harvey Smith



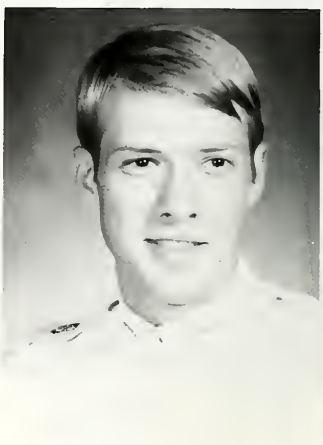
David Demarest Van Wagoner

"Dave, Fohn Fohgonerr, Van Einstein, Van"
McLean, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Navy

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1 (Cadet Conductor 2, 1); Soaring Club 2; Young Republicans 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Dean's List, Stars, etc.

Starting with a complete ignorance of what VMI really was, I have survived: The Mad House of 427 (CRASH, BOOM, THUD!); The Ideological Wars between Jamie and "The Docktorr", The Department of Electrical Enervating, that "funny" 10-6-30 for the electric piano; and the jam sessions, authorized and otherwise, in Lexington's Bopera House — room 166. My thanks go to all the roommates I have ever had for putting up with me and my eccentricities, my fellow EE's for tolerating my sometimes off-beat questions and grades, my parents for never doubting me as I did, my guardian angel for doing an exceptional job, and all others who have in one way or another supported me in my VMI experience. If the blues was whiskey, I would stay drunk all of the time — at least till they boned me.

DYKES 1976: Jack Christy
1982: Joe Usher, Curtis Sextion



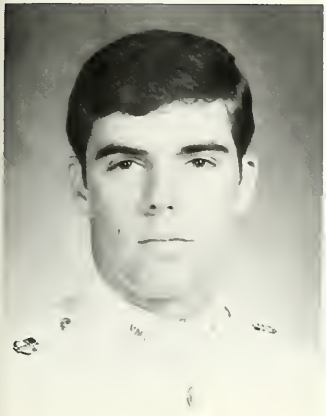
John Anthony Vaughan

"Big John"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
EE — Air Force

Rugby 4, 3; Tackwan Do Club 2; RFYL 2, ARC 2, 1; House Mountain Cadre 1; IEEE 1; Hideacar 3, 2; 79 EE — Bohica Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I came to VMI expecting much of myself and of the school. I got what I expected and more. Some good, some bad. But the good far outweighs the bad I have seen here. One thing I have gotten that means a lot is expressed in this verse. "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away, behold new things have come" II Corinthians 5:17. I leave VMI thinking of this which I feel is true of most of us now. When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. I Corinthians 13:11. Goodbye, VMI. It was worth the trip. Thanks Lord, Mom, Dad.

DYKES 1976: John Z. Laliberte
1982: Jerome D. Stack Jr.



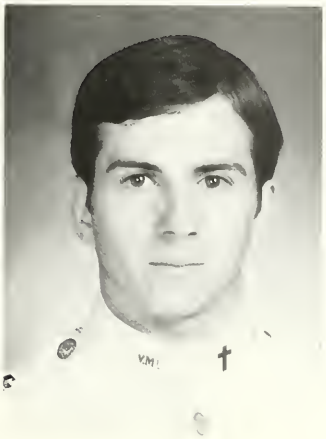
Michael Rosario Vela

"V, Vela-Brain, Mike"
Valley Stream, New York
Economics — Air Force

Varsity Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Statistician 1; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Member of 2nd Batallion F.C.P. 5 1; FCA 1.

During these "never-ending" years I have made many friends and plenty of good times, but there have also been some hard times, wanting to leave third class year. I want to thank all my loved ones who helped me realize what my Dad told me on numerous occasions, "Don't Get Down, It Will All Pay Off". Without Mom, Dad, Baretta, Jean, Gunk, and my grandmother I don't think I could have met the V.M.I. challenge. They listened to all complaints, which were plentiful, and instilled in me that needed confidence. I want to thank the girl of my dreams, Donna, and her Mom and Dad for bringing Donna down to Virginia when they could because those times kept me going. One last word, which is directed to one of my classmates, Dale Ogg, "IT'S ALL OVER".

DYKES 1976: Mike Hancock,
1978: Brad "Bulldog" Baker
1982: Bill "Tarzan" Nivison, Kyle Weidlich



Jay Grant Virtue

"Virtuous, Virgin, Know it all, Booksmart"
Chester, Virginia
CE — Corps of Engineers

Baptist Student Union; Wrestling 4, 3, 2; Number One Club; Ring Figure Committee; Firefighters 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Cadet Ass't 3, 2, 1; Lab Aid 1; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who.

"Hey Jay, D'ya wanna talk?" "No!, argue!" The King of Quarrel strikes again! If there's an argument, Jay is there. He can put Socrates to sleep and melt Plato's mind. Jay made the statement "Knowledge is Good" the understanding of the decade. His personal discipline, deep morality, firm Christian beliefs, and pursuit of knowledge have been an inspiration to everyone. Jay does everything 1st class, except wrestle, and he's managed to argue his way out of that too. "Hey Jay, D'ya think you'll ever get married?" "Not for a long time, at least not until May 20." Debbie you're beautiful and lucky too. Define Virtue? "Above all else, unto thyself be true." Jay walks with a clear conscience. "Well done, me Lad, Good-bye." KLL

DYKES 1976: Andy Stewart
1982: Ron Mecredy

Salvatore Domenico Vitiello

"Corky, Sleepy, Sal"
Sea Isle City, New Jersey
E.E. — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; RFYL; Weight Training; IEEE; Rangers; SAME; Skoal Club; Lonely Hearts Club; Coffee Club; P.I. Member; Newman Club.

Sal has been a good friend since the beginning. We have been through a lot but we made it. He is a hard worker and knows how to have a good time. He likes to dance and likes to Disco. One of Sal's famous sayings is (I'll — her). He is one wild and crazy guy. He is definitely a ladies man and knows how to to handle them. Sue will probably never forget him, he shot her down along with Lori, both were good moves. Sal will succeed in anything he tries, he is a worker. I hope he finds happiness in the future. Any girl that gets him is lucky. Good luck and take care. Stay in touch.

DYKES 1976: Jeff A. Totaro
1982: Jim A. Simmonds Jr.

Rock Paul Vomer

"Rocky"
Utica, New York
Chemistry — Army (Infantry)

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Society of American Military Engineers; Newman Club; Boxing; A.C.S.; R.F.Y.L.; VMI Rangers; Lonely Hearts Club President; Skoal Club; P.I. Member; Coffee Club; Gold Medal Winner ot Rack Marathon.

While at the "I" Rock has had his ups and downs, mostly his downs. But his perseverance and drive has been an inspiration to us all and will undoubtedly bring him success in the future. There was, however, one thing that always came easy to him and that was women — due to his crazy New York personality. He could always be quoted as saying, "Treat a Lady Like a _____, and Treat a _____ Like a Lady," and 99 percent of the time this worked. It has been a long and rough four years, but having a friend like Rock made it all tolerable. I wish you the best of luck and happiness for the future. Look out New York!

DYKES: 1976: Jim Delisio
1982: Brian P. Glynn

Jeffrey David Vordermark

"Jeff, Kid, Markus, JD, VD"
Lompoc, California
English — Field Artillery

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Airborne; DMS; Dean's List 2; Rangers 3; Cadre 1; Rat Training 2; Charlie Co. Rat Training Commander 1; VMI Cadet Staff 3; Sports Editor 2; Bomb Prologue Editor 1.

I came to VMI expecting great things of myself, thinking I could handle the system easily. I discovered during my Rat year that "thinking" was a lot different than doing. My father helped out my bruised ego with some friendly advice, as well as telling the phrase "Non Illegitimus Carborundum", which became my motto.

VMI isn't the place where credit is given where due, but fortunately I found that out early. With my father's sage advice echoing in my ears, and my mother's ability to instill in me a self confidence I never knew, I realized success. My parents helped me through but I would have never made it all the way without the friendships I have found here. To Ando, Paul, Stosh, Gary, and my parents, thanks for the faith.

DYKES: 1976: Steve Joyce
1982: Ken Yates

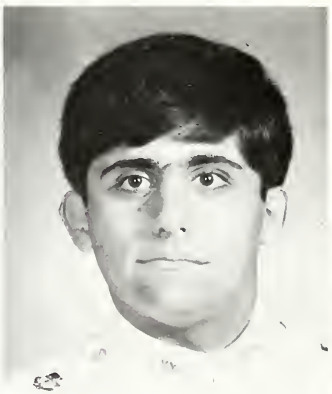
Joseph Anthony Walbert

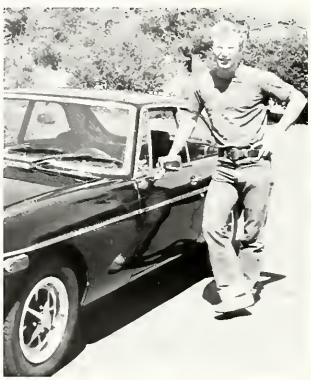
"Joe-Boy, Waldo, Walls, Joe, Emerson"
Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Civil Engineering — Navy

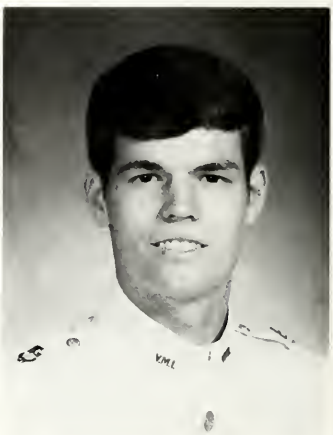
Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA President 1; Posit Committee 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 4; RFYL 3, 2; Zoo 4, 3, 2, 1.

What can be said about 4 years at the "I"? A lot, but 140 words would never cover it so I would like to cover the most important aspect of VMI and that is friendships. I'd like to thank Reep, Crotch, Pig, Eddie, T.W., Quinny, Frank P., and the Porn King for helping me make it, and wish them the best of luck in whatever they do. I also want to thank my parents and my family for helping me, enough cannot be said to cover all that they have done for me. Thank you. J.A.W

DYKES: 1976: Bill Ryals
1982: Tom Appleton







Michael Glenn Weatherholtz

"Mike, the holtz"
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Economics — Army (Field Artillery)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Glee Club 4, 3, Secretary 2, Vice-President 1; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, Social Chairman 2, President 1; Intramural Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat. Co. XO 1; Intramural Football 3, 2; Rm. 168 Expressway.

All right, when dancing in close proximity the man from Harrisonburg always showed his finer aspects of life. It has truly been a fascinating four years, through all the late nights (in bed at Taps every night), early mornings (constant hay down and all duty), and lousy days (he always smiled!). Mike has not only survived but truly excelled. Not only is he a fine cadet but in a more meaningful sense he is an excellent example of what it should mean to be a human being and a man. Four gallons of coffee muddy row and one big OK you-son-of-a-gun. Thanks for everything
Mom. CCR

DYKES: 1976: John Dorsey
1982: Jim Thrasher

Gregory McKinley Weaver

"Bo Weaver, Gregus, Spock, Dap Sugar Willie"
Washington, D.C.
History — Armor

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Sec. Executive Committee; Sec. General Committee; President Promaji (BSU).

Weaver came to VMI from the concrete football fields of Washington, D.C. Arriving at VMI with a 4 year N.C.A.A. football scholarship, he took to the task of Military life. He has held many positions at VMI, President of Promaji (BSU), VMI's black student organization, Sec. of the Executive Committee, Sec. of the General Committee; time has been faithfully devoted toward making Corps life easier. He had a smile for everyone, but it was known to turn on occasion. God, family, and friends never came out of focus. His warm and humorous conversations will live forever in the halls at the Virginia Military Institute.

DYKES: 1976: Terry A. White
1982: Cammeron Manuel, Harry T. Blitzberger

Don Vinton Wells

"Don, Vint, Marathon Man"
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Civilian

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; S.A.M.E. 1; A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1; 101 Washington Arch Apartment Club 1; Cadre 4, 3, 2; Dean's List 1.

I came to V.M.I. with the help of "Rice" Youell, '43, who did not steer me wrong. I stayed because I somehow "liked" the place. I still do. While grades were first, a desire for rank hit me. This was probably a counter reaction to my dyke, Dave, the grubbiest private in Bravo Company. So I ended up a Lt. in Bravo Company. How could anyone have better roommates than Jimmy, John, Karl, or Joe? The true meaning of Brother Rat comes out in these guys. Not enough thanks can go to my family; Mother and Father, Donna-Marie, Kay, and Arden, y'all truly helped me through. So, I depart with a ring and diploma . . . and when I walk across that stage in May, I will leave part of me at VMI, and take part of VMI with me.

DYKES: 1976: Dave Butcher
1982: Ashley Burrell

John S. White

"Steve, Bunny Rabbit"
Springfield, Virginia
Chemistry — Artillery

American Chemical Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Well, Steve by the time this comes out it will have been a long three years together. We've had a lot of good times and some not so good times, but we usually managed to turn the tables. Such as the time you impressed the R.D.C. for an hour and 45 minutes for being drunk in ranks. They talked the E.C. into only two weeks. Up to this year we always double-dated except for the birthday present you got at Twin Falls. P-chem and organic forced you off the varsity rack team. The Army wants you to visit for ninety days, then it's off to school again. Are you crazy? Maybe they will accomplish the impossible and make you into something you have been slandering for four years — an engineer. Good luck and take care, Steve RAW

DYKES 1976: Andre Koneczny
1982: Jim Zahn

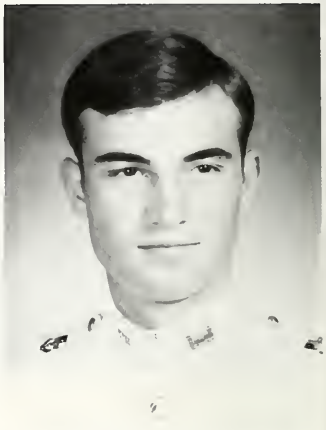
Thomas Edward White

"Tom"
Axton, Virginia
Chemistry — Infantry

Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 1.

Tom is one of the few of us here at the "I" who has survived life as a Chemistry stud. For pleasure in the lab, he likes to exit Beckmann thermometers into higher energy states. For pleasure outside the lab he is known to drop to a lower energy state in his rack. Tom's athletic life was highlighted by four years on the swim team. As a typical swimmer, there was never any alcohol during the season; only the season's closing celebration, where he makes up for lost time at a barracks grain party. Tom, it's been a great four years mixing solutions, making derivatives, and B.S.ing. Good luck in your future endeavors.

DYKES 1976: Frank Estis
1982: Ryland Matthews



Thomas Hasal White

"T.Wuuu., Blood, Jiz, Disco, Macho Man"
Vienna, Virginia
C.E. — Corps of Engineers

Wrestling 4, 3; Parachute Club 3; ASCE; SAME; Rat 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rat Company Commander; Going Bald Club; Stud Club 282-182; RFYL 3; Weight Training 2, 1.

T.W. has seen all the good the "Mother I" has to offer. The afternoons in the weight room (trying to make Arnold look like a nurd), the fun of trying to master concrete design and the fun things Cadets do, have not obstructed his goal of supreme integrity. Tom and I have seen the hard times and good times. His level headedness and constant drive have seen myself as well as many other BR's through the darker ages of cadetship. The Galaxy rides, the spectacular dates (hi Rosey) and the times at the Lodge have all eased V.M.I. for the kid. He always paid special thanks to his parents for V.M.I. opportunity and I wish him a successful life. I. F. Truitt

To my friends, dykes, D. Co. Rats, it's been a pleasure and I am forever loyal. Good Luck!

DYKES 1976: C. D. Villani
1982: D. L. Budler, R. B. Parker

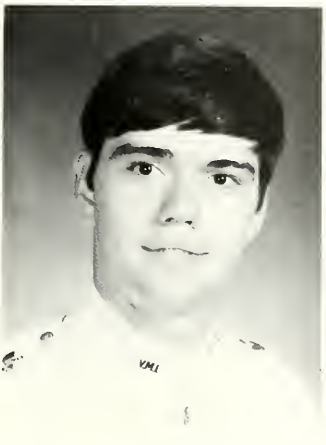
Raymond A. Whitner III

"Ray, Al, Phantom-Roommate"
North Wales, Pennsylvania
C.E. — Navy

Civil War Roundtable 4; ASCE 2, 1; Marshal Library Cadet Assistant 2, 1; Summer Root 3, 2, 1.

Ray spent most of his rat year in his dykes hay, and since then, he has made up for the time he lost in his rack. This situation led to his continuous schooling. Ray said he really liked VMI during the summer. He really got into his studies, some of them like Differential Equations and Structures, he liked them so well he took them three times, what an academic Stud. When First Class year rolled around it found Ray engaged, and he became the Phantom-Roommate. Good Luck Ray and Debbie.

DYKES 1976: Gary Czupryna
1982: Pete Ruzich



Larry Wayne Williams

"Lucky Lar"
Salem, Virginia
Math — Air Force

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Track 4; Baldwin Raider Club 2.

I came to VMI with little admiration for the Institute and I leave it with even less. I started out at Mallory under many dark clouds and they never cleared up. I have always wondered how it would be to go to college. I plan to visit one someday. The institute did open one door for me in the last four years. It gave me the opportunity to date a wonderful woman, which is to be my wife. She is the light at the end of the tunnel. Now, I'm nearing that end.

If I had the wings of an eagle,
The tail of a buffalo,
I'd fly over VMI *campus*
and dump on the prison below.

DYKES 1976: John McCarthy
1982: Mark Lee, Melvin Nowlin

Thomas Anthony Wilson

"Tom, Zirkle"
Newport News, Virginia
E.E. — Navy

VMI CADET 4, 3, 2, 1; Ad Manager 4, 3; Business Manager 2, 1; Business Manager Ring Figure Magazine; Top Floor Mallory Club 3, 2, 1; Treasurer Virginia Intercollegiate Mass Communications Association 2.

Zirkle liked his bed but rarely had time to visit it during normal sleeping hours. The sun rose too many times for watchful eyes on the fifth stoop. BS was his specialty and he was President of the BS Club for four years. Rip Van Zirkle got the big guns Third Class year and other shocks besides. Hitchhiking around the state provided many opportunities to know the roads. Weekends were made for leaving so he left at every opportunity. Miles were markers to be counted off on many trips. VMI was a prison that he learned how to escape from and occasionally control. Thanks to Skyman, Dukie and Bag-o-Bones as alarm clocks, little confinement was served. Zirkle — get up! This is your mother calling you. Anyway just keep the wheels rolling and go to bed when you can.

DYKES 1976: Robert French
1982: Richard Reisch

Richard Lewis Wingfield, Jr.

"Wing, Wingding, W.D., Andy Capp"
Appomattox, Virginia "The Depot"
History — Navy

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Newspaper 4, 3, 2, 1; Cannonball Committee; Firefighters 2, 1; Rear Admiral of the Confederate Navy — Upper Appomattox River; Mardi Gras 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2; Room of Gloom 1; Field 49 3, 2, 1.

During these past four years I've seen good and bad times, times I will remember forever and times I'd like to forget completely. The Military and Wingfield way of doing things seemed at constant odds — and although the Military won most of the bouts I still never ran away from the fight. The only thing making this place bearable are the friends you make — y'all know who you are and thanks for helping me make it through here. Thanks to my family, also, for listening to me bitch so much about VMI — I did stick it out though. One thing I will never forget is the Rugby Team — VMI Rugby will never die! It is a good thing for a man to behave coolly, for one constantly keeps appointments one has not made. Chaucer "Knights Tale"

DYKES 1976: Ed Crews
1982: Doug Deaton

Robert E. Witherow

"Bob"
Hopewell, Virginia
English — Armor

English Society 2, 1; IMV Stedyeks 2, 1.

It is hard to thank all the people who helped me to achieve this goal. I am grateful to each one of you in a special way. Many things cross my mind as I leave this place, some of which are happy and some sad. However, I don't think of this as the end but the beginning.

DYKES 1976: Frank DeLaine
1982: Micky Cole, Holt Evans

James Marc Withers

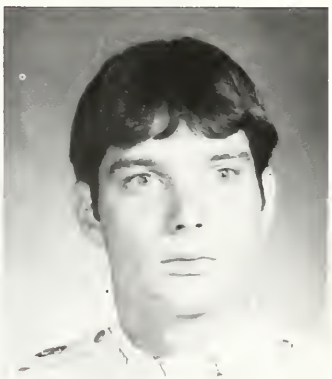
"Whimpy, 4.0 Withers, Marcus of Witherby"
Irvine, California
Math and History — Infantry

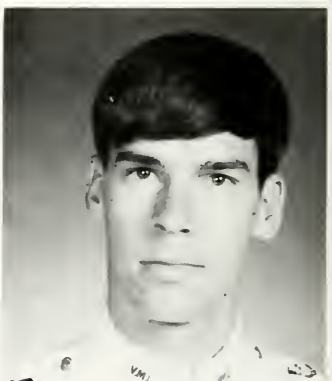
Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3 (damn); Varsity Tennis 4, 3, 2, 1; Marshall Scholar; Phi Kappa Phi; ROA; VMI *Cadet* 4, 3 — Editorial Editor 2, 1; DMS; Academically Distinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Who's Who in College; Airborne School.

Entering the Root, Marc began his cadetship by excelling in his academic pursuits. Marc found the challenges limited as a History major, so he chose to become a double major in Math and History. His perfect 4.0 academic mark speaks for itself. Throughout his cadetship tennis has become Marc's favorite athletic endeavor, and the team will surely miss his presence.

The first class grub spirit has been Marc's motto throughout his stay at VMI. His quick wit and sarcasm have made him a unique member of our class. Marc's drive to attain his goals has kept him on the road to success, even though corrupting influences like booze, girls, and The Redskins have lain in his path.

DYKES 1976: Curtis Butterworth
1982: Les Rose





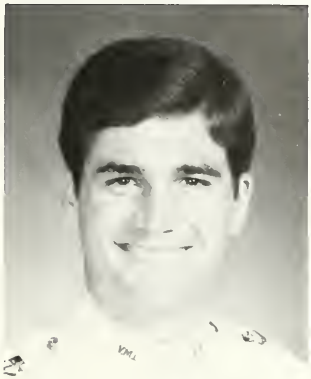
William Morison Wood III

"Moby, Woody, Wu"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Artillery

Varsity Swimming 4, 3, 2; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2.; No. 1 Club; ASCE 2, 1; "Gilligan"; Room 172 Band and Blue Max (38 kills); MBC Raiders 4, 3, 2, ?; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 3, 1; Sports Editor — *79 BOMB* 1; Signature Club.

In a few short words I would like to recognize some people who made my cadetship bearable and memorable! My parents deserve the most credit. Who could have done more for me than Mom and Dad? And of course, the Collegiate "Big Five". BJ, MS, DM, BS, I'm just sorry we all couldn't walk up on that stage together like in '75. Thanks to Steve, for all those post artillery "X" runs; "Billy Mac", for the "disco this way"; Bimbo, what can I say, but thanks for all I lerned from you; Susan, for memories — I'll never forget you; Bob and Dave, for two great friends and the best room in Barracks; And Finally, to the class of '79 and VMI — THANK YOU!

DYKES: 1976: Paul "Wop" Spencer
1982: Duke "Sluggo" Addison, Jim "Rog" Cosby



David Franklin Woolwine Jr.

"Dave"
Hampton-Suffolk, Virginia
Biology — Air Force

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4, 3, 2, 1; President, Pre-Med 1; J.V. Football 4; Varsity Track 4, 3; Dean's List 2.

I don't think that anyone can honestly say whether VMI is good or bad because life here is a bittersweet between the two. I do believe, however, that if one can say that he has achieved his goals, without regard to circumstances, then he is a success. I believe that I have achieved those goals important to me and so I am therefore successful. Success, however, can never be achieved alone and is never quite as sweet without others to share it with. This is why I would like to thank (a poor choice of words) people like Sammy and Judy, Coach King, friends and especially my parents for giving me the things I needed along the way. I also want to give to Cindy Phillipians 1:3 and to God any good accomplishment here or in the future.

DYKES: 1976: Alan Pyke
1982: Bill Burnette

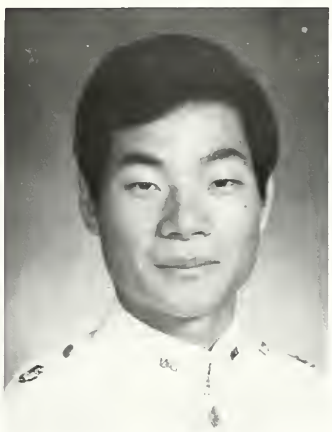
Tsong-Ming Yeh

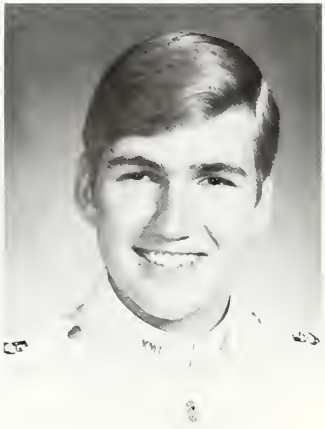
"Tom"
Republic of China
Civil Engineering

Judo and Karate 4; Fencing 3, 2, 1; Ski Club 2, 1; International Student Society 3, 2, 1; Timmins Music Society 3, 2, 1.

Tsong-Ming came to VMI directly from home in Taiwan. If I thought I had problems with Rat English I can imagine how rough he had it. When there was a permit to be written he came to me. But he excelled as a C.E. Over the 3 years we roomed together I could always turn to him for help adding (2+2=?). When I had a problem he would lend an ear, an understanding word or anything that he had. Always a great friend and a pal, we really benefited when he became an academic first-car, late lights, and all. While mastering English and then moving on to French, Tsong-Ming has been driven by a keen interest in learning which will help in the future when he goes on to grad school and the Army. Thanks for being a friend!

DYKES: 1976: Ken Harbin
1982: Edy Kieth





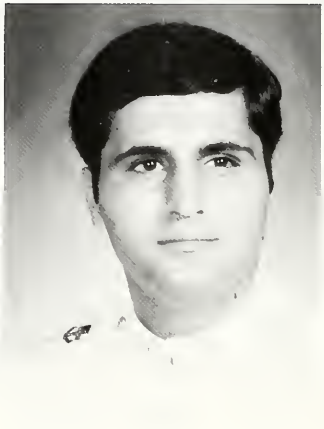
Randolph Kyle Young

"Youngapore, Yung, Nasty"
Falls Church, Virginia
EE — Naval Aviator

IEEE; SAME; IMV STEDYEKS (1977 Champs); Myrtle Beach 4, 3, 2, 1; Fraternal Order of BMF; Cell Block — 37 4, 3, 2, 1; IHSN Club 4, 3, 2, 1; FITAS.

YOUNG — *Webster's definition* — Being first. *Cell Block 137's definition* — being first to the mirror, longest with the hair dryer, and last to ranks. Young looks his best at S.R.C. Randy writes great letters to girls, they need a dictionary to read it; but that's OKAY 'cause he uses a thesaurus to write them. Even if "J. B. Young" won't give up a dime, he'll mix you a great drink. Where would cell block 137 be without Randy's knowledge; he helped us through classes, explained the "inertia wheel", and the "Ring of Flux". If Randy spent half the time he used helping others on his own work, he'd have a 4.0. But Randy will never let you down, he puts his friends before himself — That's why we'll never forget you Youngapore!

DYKES 1976: First Class
1982: Tim Boylan



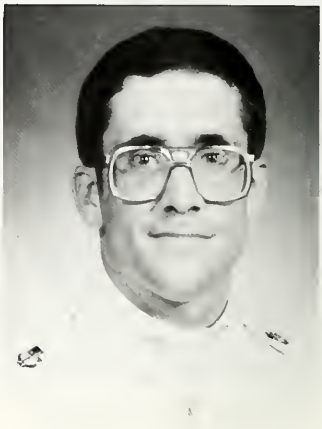
Bahram Nejad-Ershadi Zahir

"Bo"
Tehran, Iran
CE — Imperial Iranian Navy

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; International Club; RFYL 4; Handball.

When I stepped through the doorway of 402 in August of 1975, the first person I met was this crazy guy with the damndest grin, and the noticeable lack of proficiency in the English Language. That was my first meeting with Bahram-Zahirnejad (we called him "Bo" for short) and he turned out to be a hell of a Rat roommate. From his obsession with bringing a flaming mad Regimental Commander in to wreck our room to his endless trips to Roanoke in his unauthorized car "Bo" was always on the move. We had endless battles and in the process became best of friends. Well ii's almost over Bo! We lost Bill and Steve, but the rest of us will make it to graduation. Good luck in the future Bo. I hope you and the Iranian Navy get along C.T.C.

DYKES 1976: James G. Jousyra Jr.
1982: Erlendson, E. G.



Russell Allen Zech

"The Wretch, Zechephon"
Brooklyn, Michigan
English-Chemistry — Army (Infantry)

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Fencing 4; Boxing 3, 2; Orienteering 1; Daniel's Den GPA Handicap 3, 2, 1; Bozerian Neophyte 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3; Army ROTC Scholarship 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3.

Reach for a dollar and watch a sun die
A star in the nighttime within,
Neglect those who love you and run like a rat
In a race that you'll never win.

RAZ

DYKES 1976: Ken Ray
1982: Rick Sheridan

Mohamad Reza Zeinali

"Reggie"
Tabriz, Iran
Civil Engineering — Navy (IIN)

Dean's List; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, 1; ASCE; International Student Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Vice President 2; Number Club.

Reza came to VMI with 29 other countrymen with little ability to speak English in May '75, but he picked up English quickly. He traveled a lot with the Beige Sunbird that he bought in the summer of '76. Texas to Virginia Beach and Rhode Island to Florida. But, the Sunbird finally got him a Number 1. He got along with all his American and Iranian friends, enjoying their companies and parties.

DYKES: 1976: R. J. Keneally
1982: J. S. McBroom

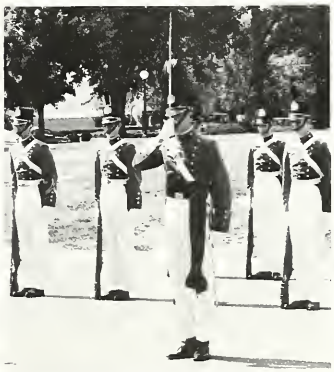
Donald Arthur Zimmer

"PX, Killer, Artie, Mugs"
New Hyde Park, New York
History — Army Infantry

Boxing Intramural 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; N.Y.-N.J. Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Born Losers 2, 1.

When Don first came to the big "I" it seemed as if the Marines had another candidate at their doors. But there were other options open and Don took his time checking them out. The Navy also wanted Don, so badly in fact that Lt. Sowers spent the better part of an hour chasing him around the outside of barracks for an interview — after taps no less. But Bragg and the Army finally won out and D. A. Zimmer spent the better part of Super Summer '78 personalizing a bar stool at Willies and singing how Rita had a hole in her panty hose. On the serious side, Don's been a good friend here — somewhat saner than a good majority of the legalized idiots and sycophants that are here. E.W.P.

DYKES: 1976: Dave Lowe
1982: Del Temple, Rich Meyer



Franklin Leroy Jester

"Jank Fester, Court, Yank"
Franklin, Virginia
Economics — Civilian

Pool Room 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Gold Coast 1; MBC Raid 2; TCFC 3; Almost #1 Club 2.

I want to say thanks to my family because they have put up with more than I ever had to. I have had many memorable experiences during my cadetship, the Frat parties, Zollomans, '79 Birthday Parties, and of course Ring Figure. I have acquired many things since entering VMI but what I will always remember are the friendships I made here. Thanks Brother Rats.

DYKES 1976: John Otacka
1982: Dave Bratton

Stephen Aduston Rogers

"Steve, Bama"
CE — Army Corps of Engineers

Football 4; Track 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Ghetto and Pervert Corners; Paramount Club; Alumnus, University of Alabama.

Circumstances played a large role in making a decision to attend VMI during my senior year of high school. Being the son of an alumnus, I almost felt obligated to try it for at least one year, as do most sons of alumni, I will never regret it for as long as I live. Period. From the days as a Rat partying at Estell's with the dykes to summer schools, and the Tucker Street crowd, I enjoyed every bit of it regardless of hardship. Many thanks go to all of my roommates during my four trying years (possibly five?), and all of the friends that I made during this "learning experience"

DYKE 1976: Jim Brown
1982: John Campion

Jack Linwood Dewell Jr.

"Bad Jack"
Elkton, Maryland
Economics — Armor

Rugby, After Taps Courtyard Decoration Committee (Co-President)

I've got to hand it to this place. It is certainly not what I had expected. Had anyone told me that I would someday tie my bed up before dawn and throw it in the corner, or party in a girl's bathroom, it may have been a different story. Catchy phrases like "Bone yourself and answer it", "I'm having more than one" and "close to transom" had their places. But "good grades", "good women", "good food" and "fine privileges" found less use. But good friends make it all a little better. Special thanks to Austin and Trumps, F Troop, my relatives, Ghetto, Steele Dan, and those of us who tried to make New Barracks a better place to live.

DYKES 1976: Lee Bradshaw
1982: 116th Armor Cockroaches Divison

Robert Scott Beale Jr.

"Shady, Old Man"
Dill Devil Hills, North Carolina
EE — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2, 1; Ski Club 4, 3, 1; Scuba Club 4; IEEE 2, 1; Sky Kings II; Mardi Gras 3, 1; Number One Club; I came back Club; Ghetto 2, 1.

I came back to VMI in a daze, not knowing what to expect. What I have to show for the experiences are some great friends and graduation with the Class of 1980. I would like to dedicate the remainder of this space to those who won't: "Panopy", "Quinny", "Action", "The Bimbo" and all the others, past, present and future.

DYKES 1976: Lawrence Tayon
1982: Mark Harrington

Stacy William David III

"The Mad Crab"
Hampton, Virginia
Economics — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby.

I just want to thank the great guys who made it all bearable. When things are bad, there are always people worse off than I ever was who would show me that anything can be overcome. Most of all I would like to thank Beth who gave me strength to come back to finish.

DYKES 1976: Scott Custer
1982: Kernel Klenke

Vincent Morse Forgione

"Skinny, WOP"
Buffalo, New York
Economics — U.S.M.C. Special Student

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; Horseshoe Club 2; Butter Chuckers 4, 3, 2, 1; "360" FTN Club; Confinement 1; Society of Young Economists 2, 1.

The hardest decision I have made was to return to Mother "I" after my year vacation. God only knows what compelled me to do so, but the fact remains that my journey through life, for the time being at least, has placed my destiny here. I'd like to thank my parents and all my friends who helped pull me through and especially my grandmother who believed.

"There's no way out of here;
When you come in you're in for good.
There was no promise made;
The part you played, the chance you took."
David Gilmour
Pink Floyd

Rodney Arthur DeCorte

"F-----g Rodney, The Wandering Jew,
The Sixth Man, RDC, Apprentice"
Purcellville, Virginia
Economics-Armor

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Swim Team 4; Scuba Club 4, 3, 2 (Pres.); Tanker Platoon 3, 2; Civilian Club 79; Barter with Buck Club 4, 3, 2; Confinement Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I first met Rodney in our third class year and quickly found him to be a man of simple pleasures. A mat in the corner, a bowl of food and water, and an occasional scratch behind the ear and Rod was content. That year and the next, Rod (Alias the sixth man) spent more time in my room than I did. The rest of his time was spent in the T.V. and P.T. rooms and wandering the stoops (Any stoops, he had friends on all). The three legs of VMI are military, academics, and athletics. Well, one out of three isn't bad. Rod did attend most of the sports events. Rodney spent his first class year as a civilian, but plans to be back. Thus, to the Class of 1980 I leave a legacy and an experience. Enjoy!

Ando

DYKES 1976: Dennis Putney

Surapong Suwana-Adth

"Suwana, Pong, Suwana-rat"
Bangkok, Thailand

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Society of Physics Students Sigma Phi Sigma 2; International Club 2.

Suwana came to VMI from Thailand and found his new home at VMI. He graduated in three years with a 3.5 in Physics, leaving the rest of us to finish out this year without him. Suwana was a true lover of the cuisine in Crozet Hall and never missed a meal. Kayto also had his selection of women from Sweetbriar, Longwood, and even Lexington High. Never forget the party at the cabin, rat year and the occasional visits to the Cockpit. The friendly quarrels with Henry was also something to remember. Good luck in whatever you do because you really deserve it; even if you are a UVA Preppie now!

"Poff"

Thitinan Thanyasini

Nong, "General"
Artillery

Dean's Honor List 4, 3, 1; ACS 4, 3, 1; The 1977 Leslie German Award; The 1978 Herbert E. Richey Award; The 1978 James Lewis Howe Award; Survivor of Rm. 456; Last Study Club; Academic All American; Member of the "Boned for Studying" Club; R.F.Y.L.

As I write this history I miss Nong. He was and is that type of Brother Rat. Nong is the B.R. who will help another cadet with studies and then give the same guy a ride to Natural Bridge the next day. Patience and understanding are just a couple of Nong's strong points. Nong made it through V.M.I. in 3 years, Academically Distinguished. I'm sure he will have the same type of success in his graduate studies and in all his professional endeavors. Nong, I sure miss you; but I guess U. Va. is not such a bad place to spend a really First class year for a really First Class Brother Rat. Good luck!

The past three years were long and tedious but suddenly they seem to dissolve as we approach the First Class year. Our final Summer Furlough has terminated and we all began to count the days until graduation. The hours of study pass quickly but the days never end. We all wonder and say "can we make it after going this far?"

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McCROWELL, C.C.
TO: RAC

FOR: Lifting self out of RAT line while at the same time being improperly dressed.
ALSO, FAILURE to KNOW pertinent INFORMATION i.e. members of the HONOR COURT

J.P. Coleman
Cdt. 1st CAPTAIN
Rat #158 REGIMENTAL Cmdr

The Class has survived everything the Institute could challenge us with. We have taken many hours to resolve the problems of the Corps. Our Rats are now fourth classmen, our 1st semester is over, and all the past drudgery is forgotten. We acknowledge our Dykes, 1976, for all their efforts. I must say that "79" is not just a number but a tremendous class with character and style. What better way is it to end a decade?

Tony Hamilton.

SECOND CLASS

Our Second Class year has passed at the V.M.I., and we can now reflect upon a year filled with many pleasant moments as well as the acquisition of new and greater responsibilities.

We now wear our rings, the ultimate symbol of our coming of age as a class. Although our Rat and Third Class years appeared to us little more than demeaning subservience, as we approached "the light at the end of the tunnel" we begin to realize the importance of the V.M.I. system. We have lost many from our ranks during the past three years, but those of us who remain constitute a close and strong class, ready to assume the administration of barracks.

Next year it will be our turn to lead the Corps. Our philosophies and methods will be tested, and it will become our task to maintain and improve the V.M.I. system. We believe we are ready to assume this most challenging task. As we strive to gain our V.M.I. diplomas, we, the V.M.I. class of 1980 will seek to establish a strengthened system, and a strong dyke class prepared to carry on in our most proud tradition.

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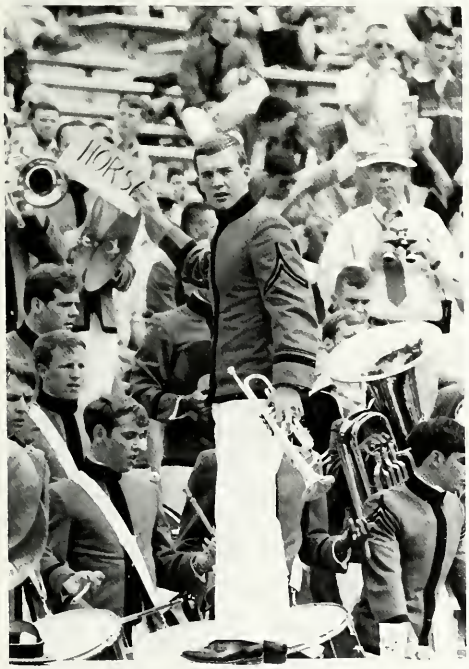

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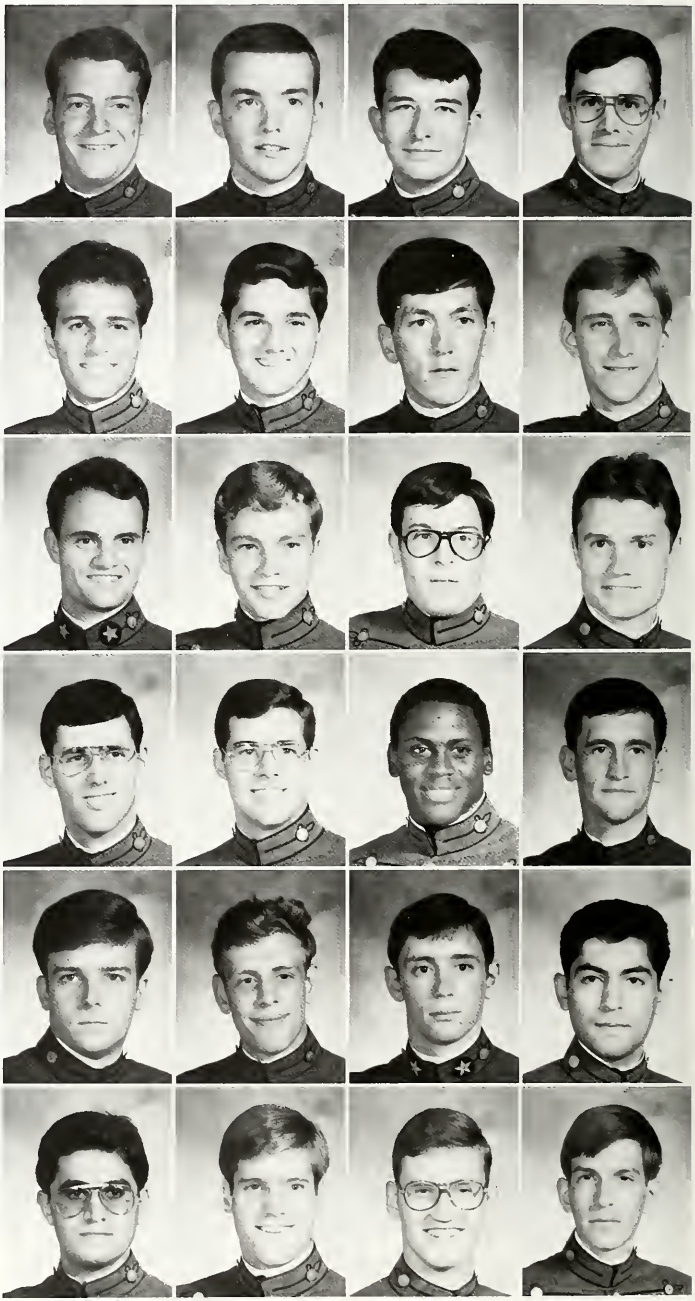

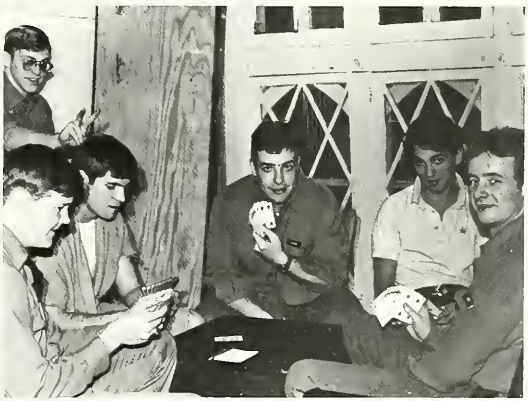

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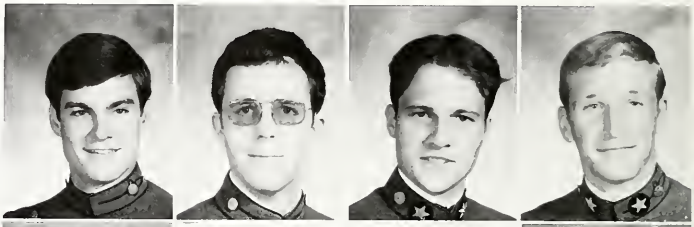

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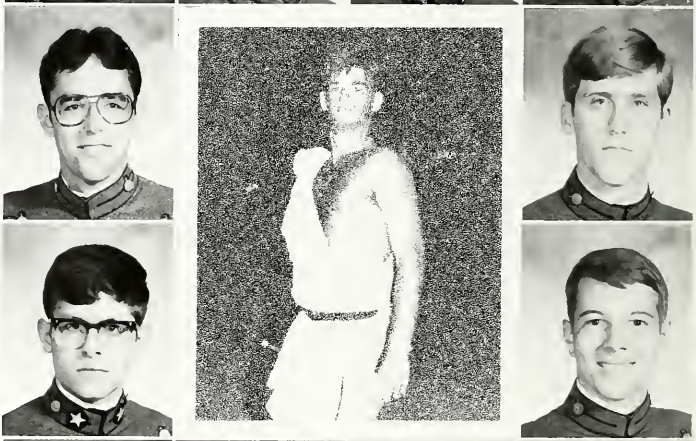

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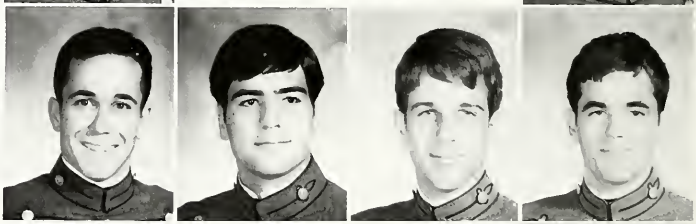

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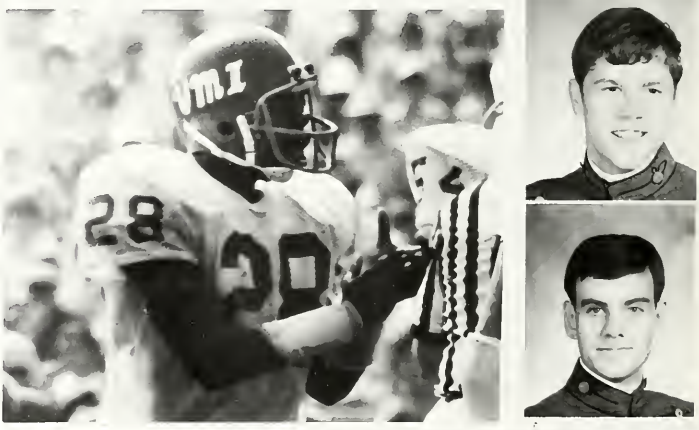

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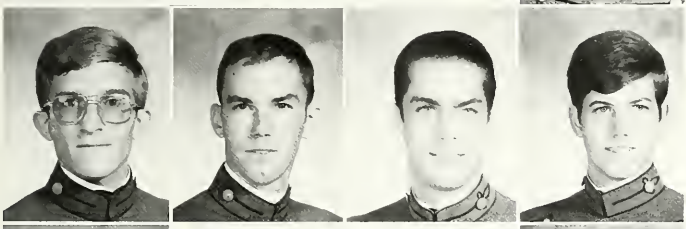

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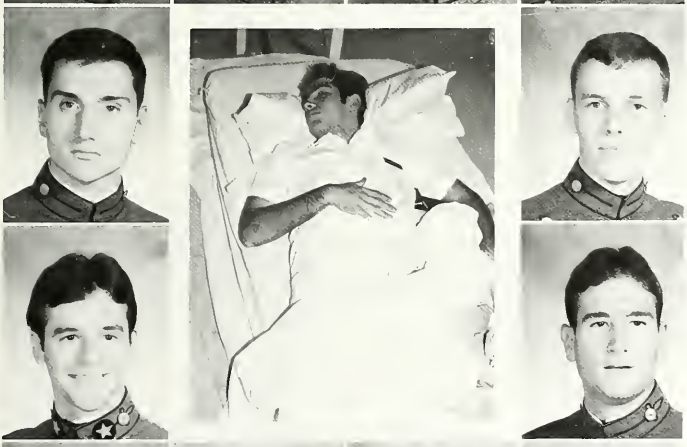

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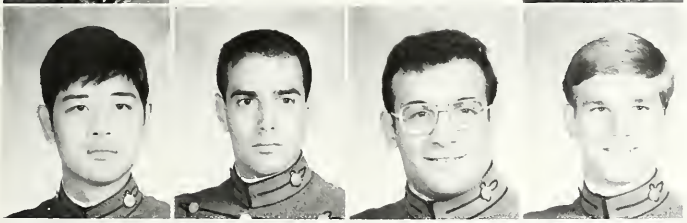

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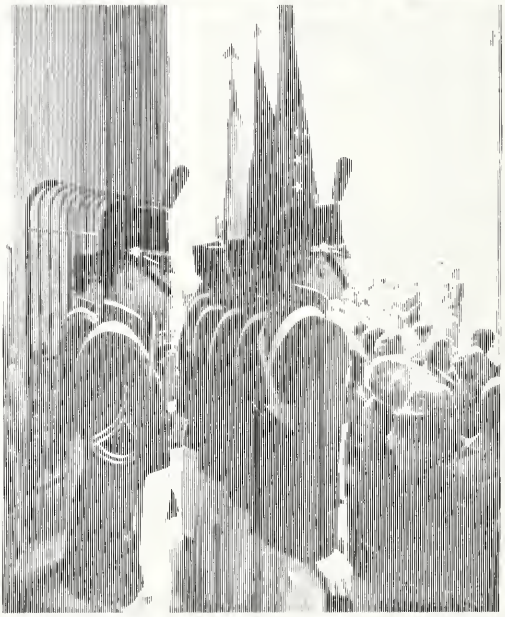

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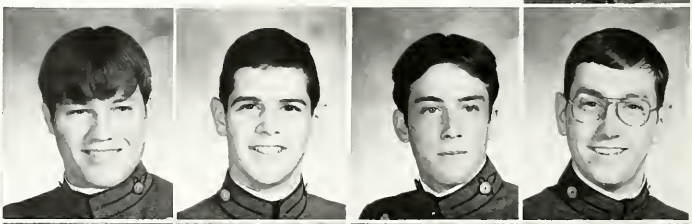

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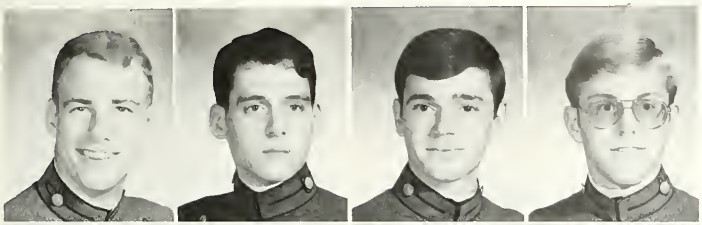

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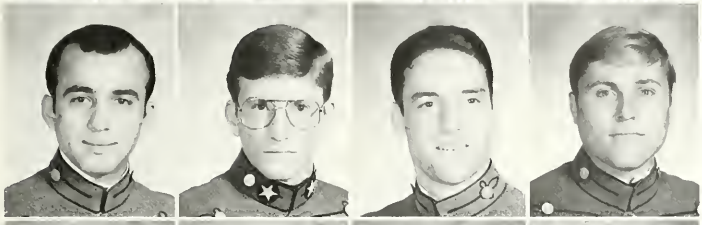

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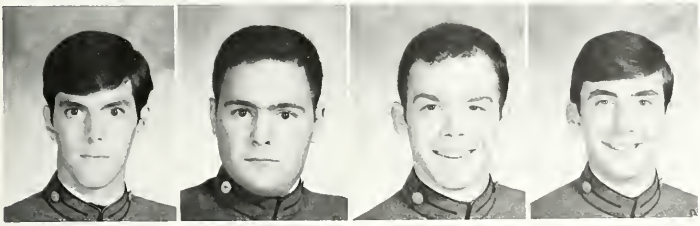

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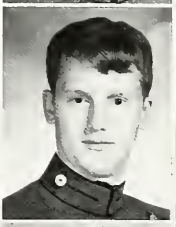

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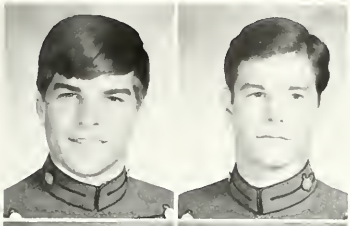

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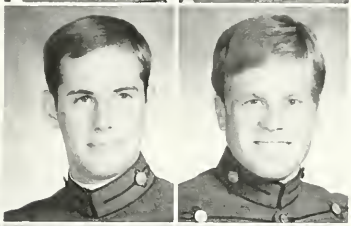

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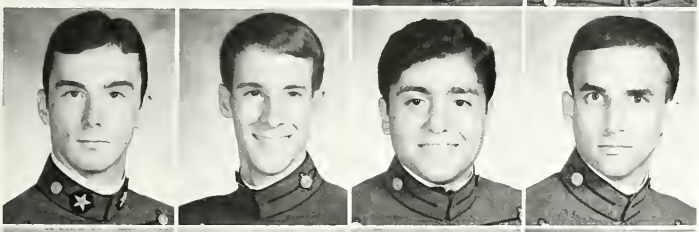

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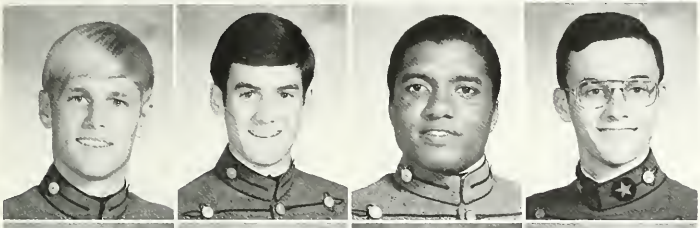

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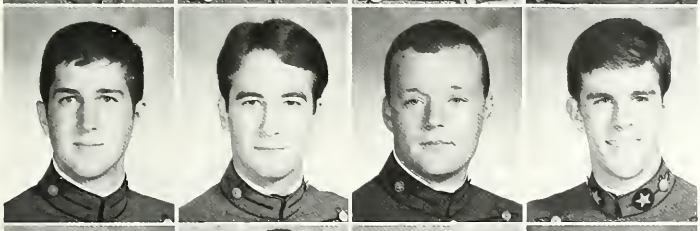

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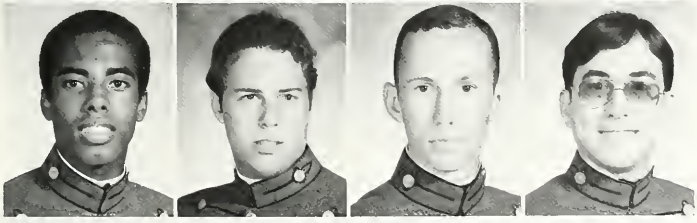

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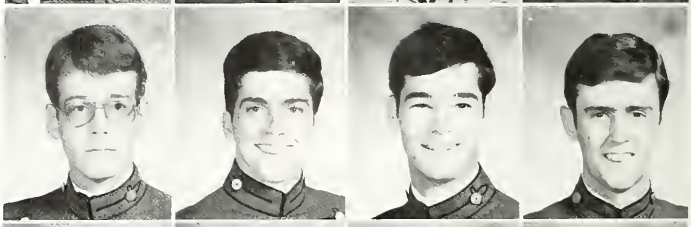

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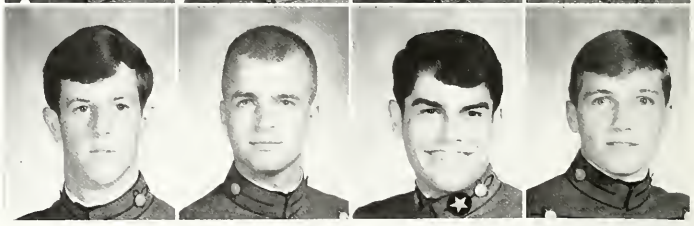

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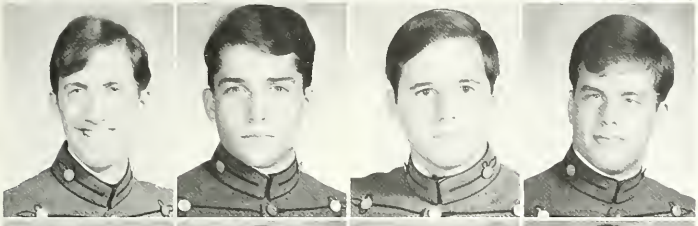

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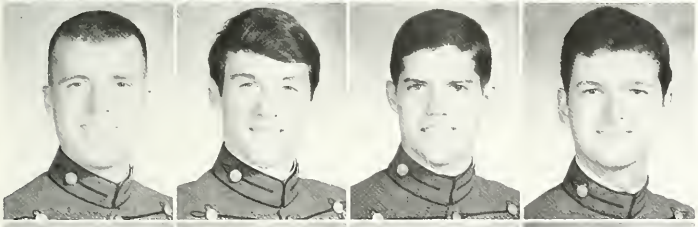

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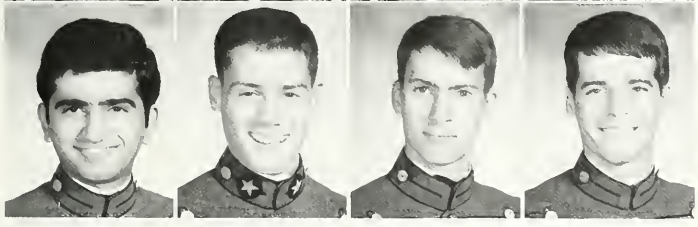

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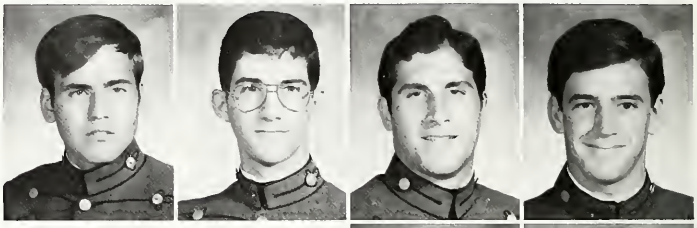

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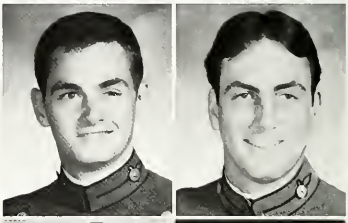

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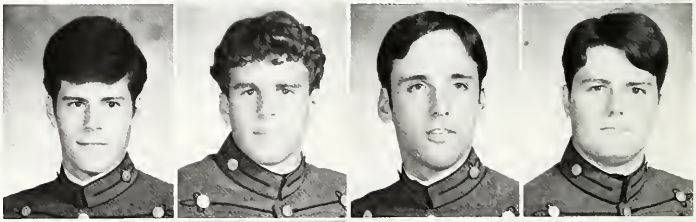

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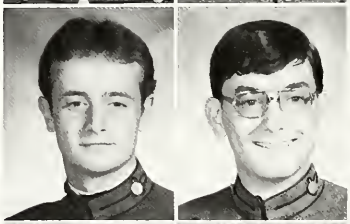

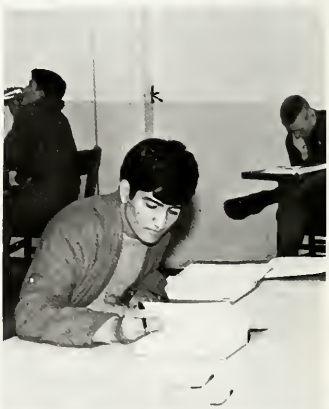

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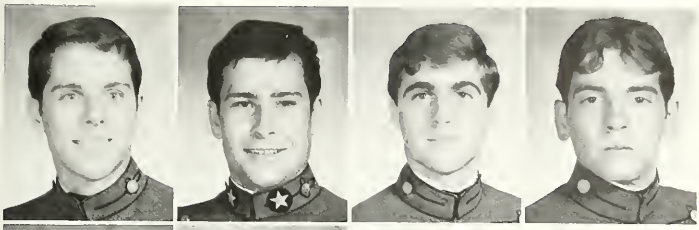

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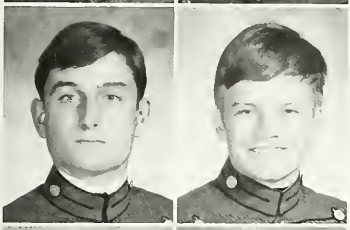

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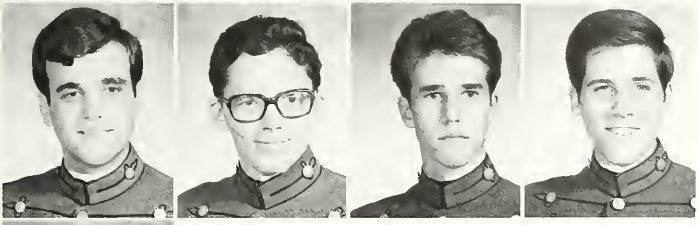

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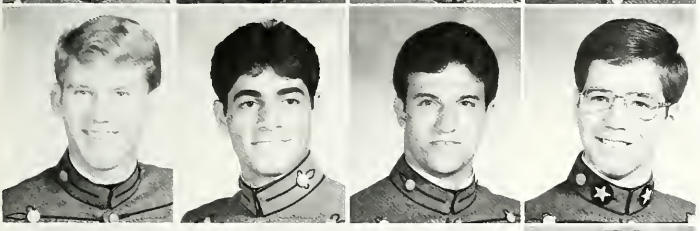

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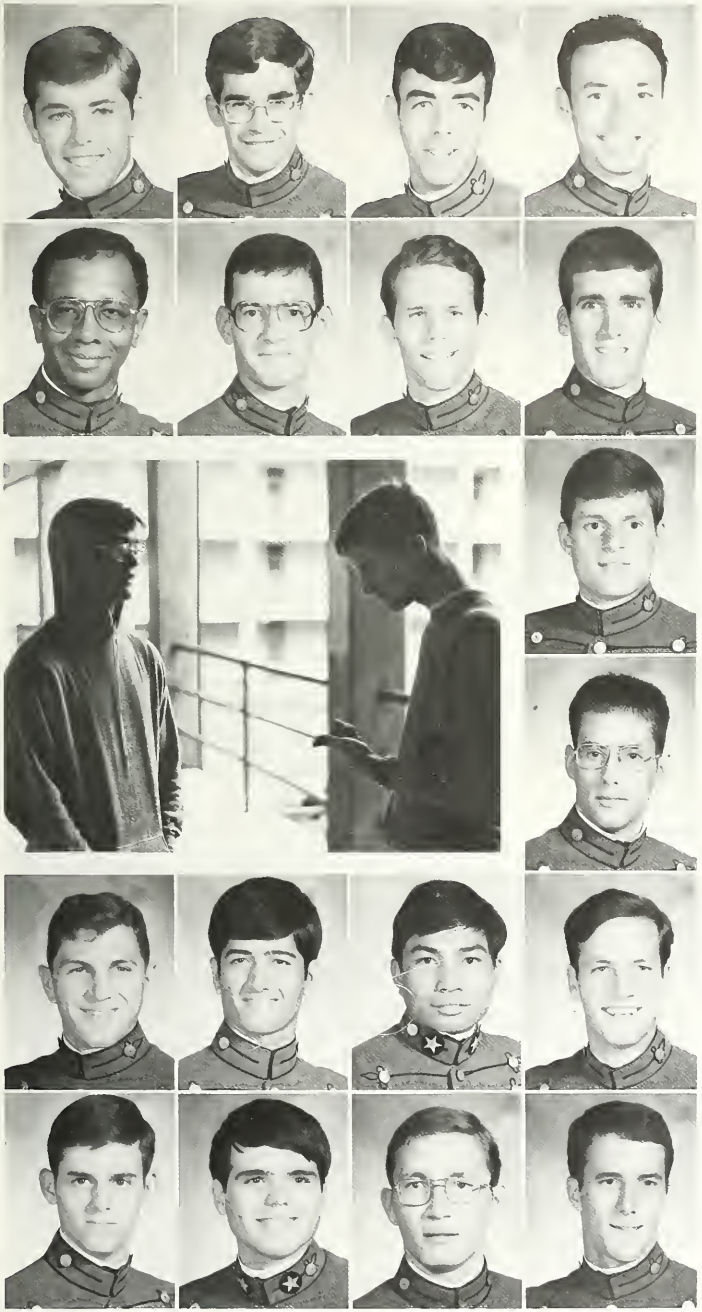

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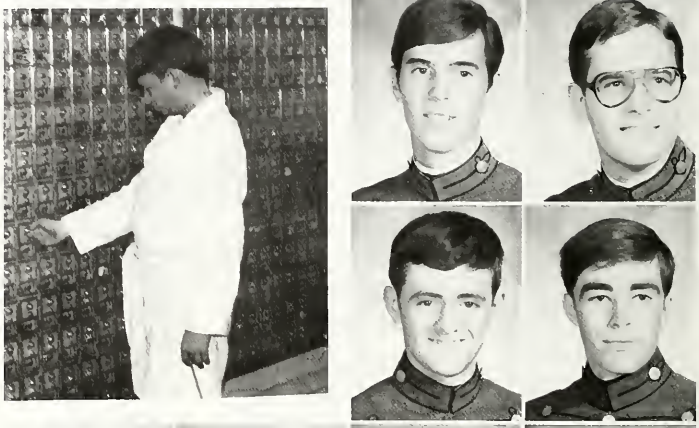

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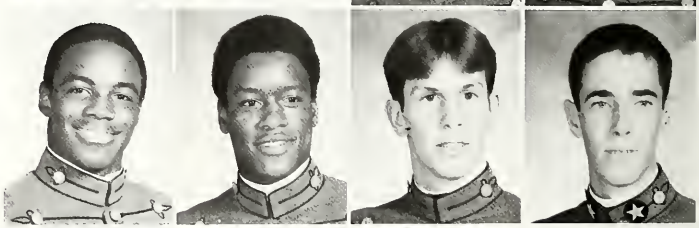

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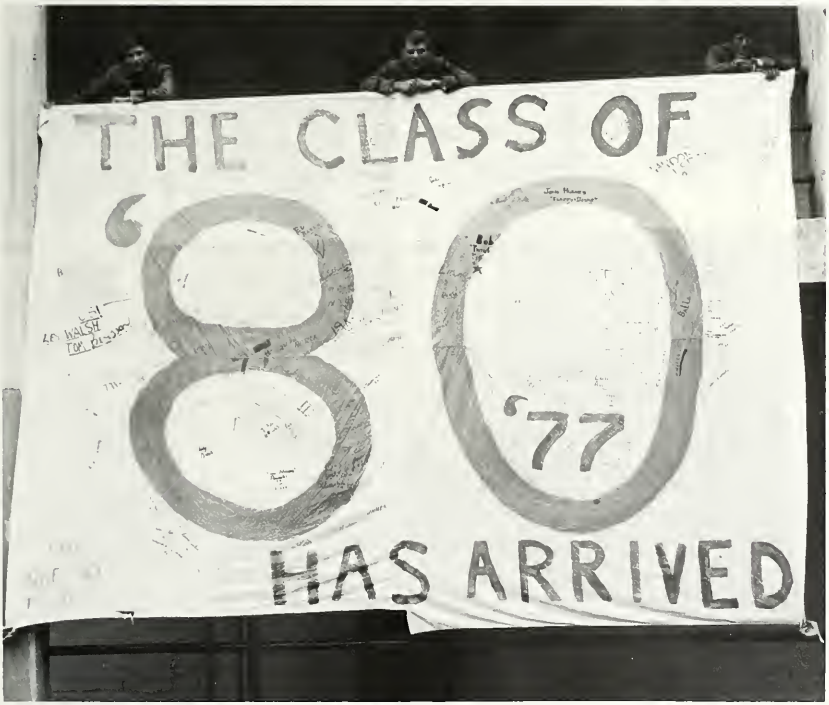
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FAIR 79

Before you made the decision to enter VMI, you undoubtedly spent a good while doing a bit of college "shopping." You needed to compare programs and curricula . . . location and services . . . benefits and activities. You needed to determine what was best for your future.

Isn't the rest of your life worth the same consideration? After all, you're only at VMI for four years, and your next step may determine your course for over thirty years. After VMI . . . what's next? Career Fair was an opportunity to explore, to wonder, to question. Representatives from over thirty professions who have risen to corporate success or who are just getting started in professional life. Men who were once cadets and students and, like you, were wondering about the next step. They came to tell you what it is like.

The first Career Fair in VMI's history was a great service to all involved. The cadets were informed about the pitfalls and rewards that accompany a successful career in many different fields. Also, the visiting participants were impressed by the caliber of the cadets that make up the Corp of Cadets at VMI.

THIRD CLASS

Grover Outland, Hist. Eric Gleaves, Pres. Bob Morris, Vice Pres.

Our rat year behind us, we returned to the VMI expecting to enjoy the easy life as an upperclassman. We soon realized however, our ratline really hadn't ended in March of 1978. As the academic noose tightened, we again found ourselves at the mercy of the VMI system. Exposed now more than ever to the environments of other colleges, we found it difficult, sometimes impossible, to achieve that unsteady balance between academics, the military life and social obligations. We met with frustrations, we faced defeats, we cherished our victories and through it all we persevered. Now, together as a class, we will enter our Second Class year determined to make our mark as the VMI Class of 1981.
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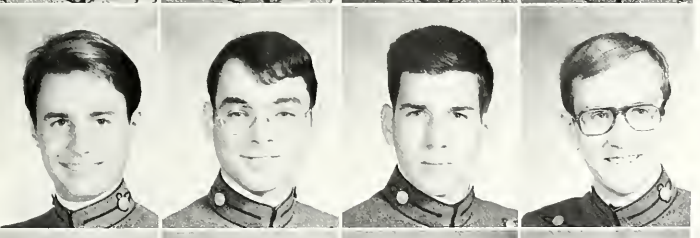

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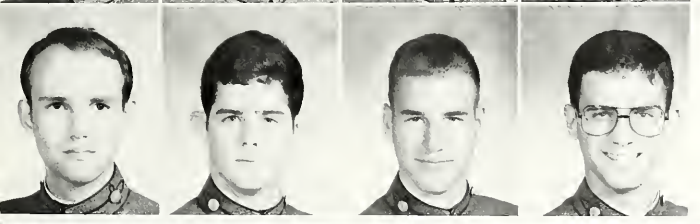

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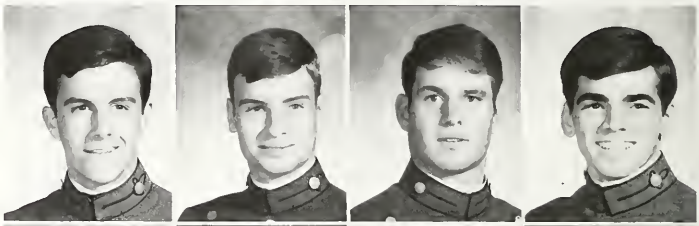

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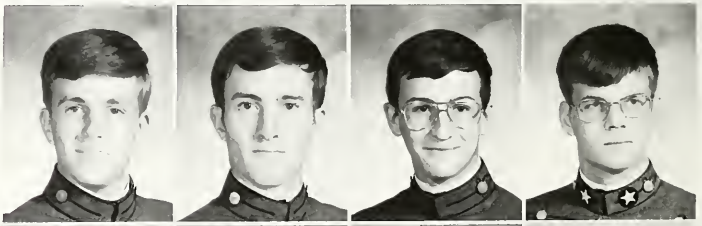

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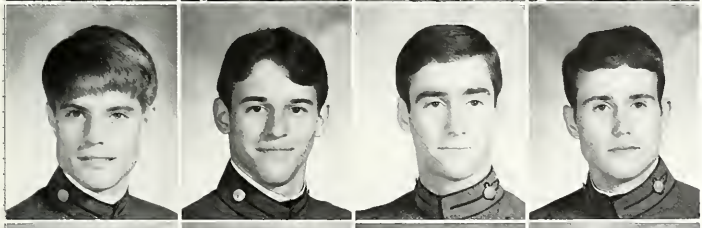

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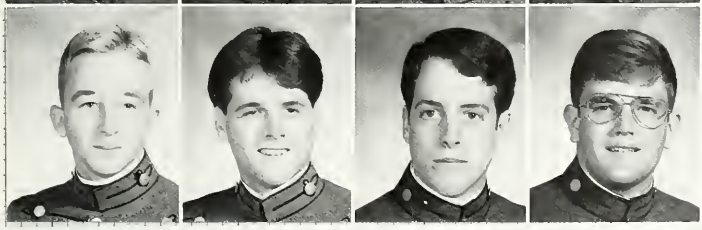

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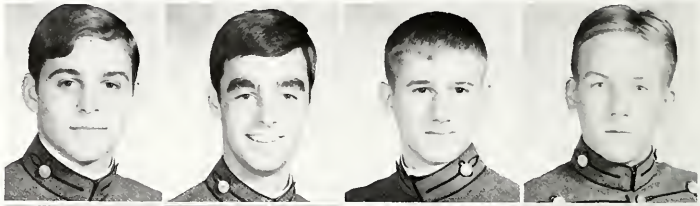

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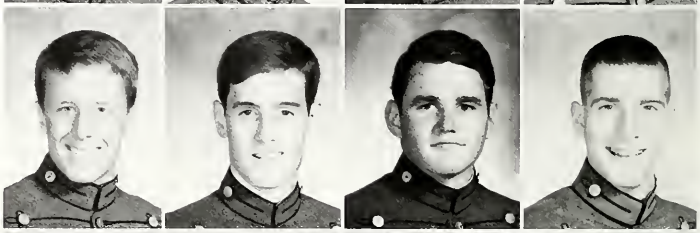

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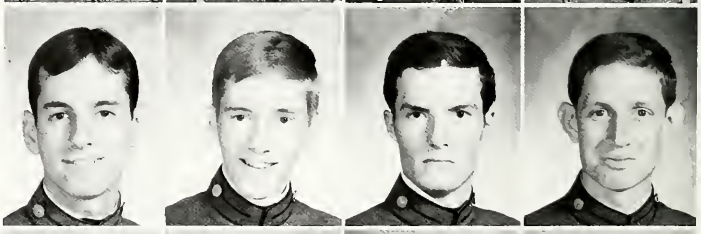

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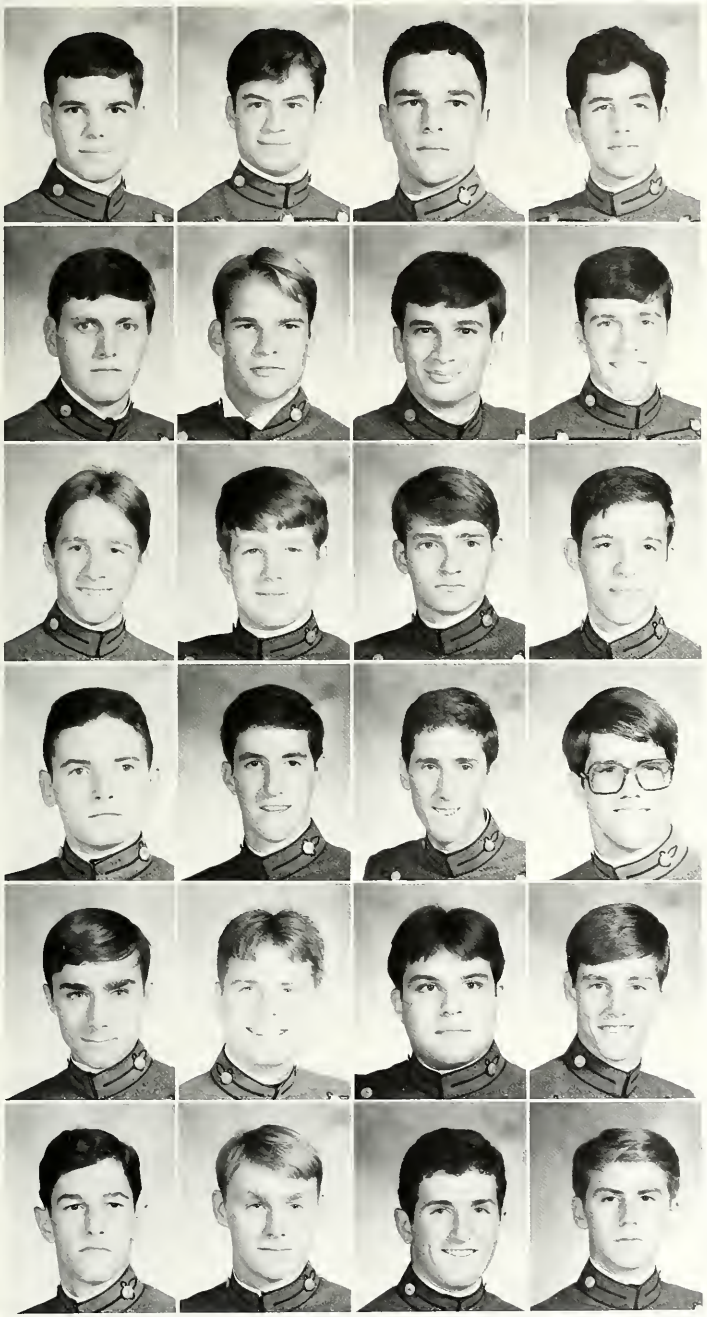

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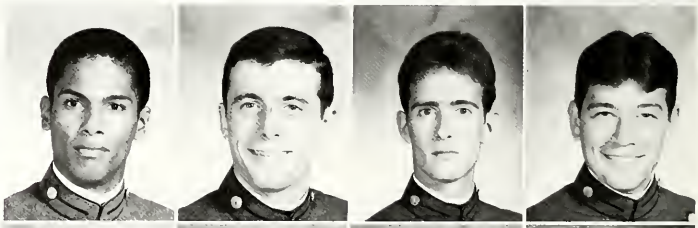

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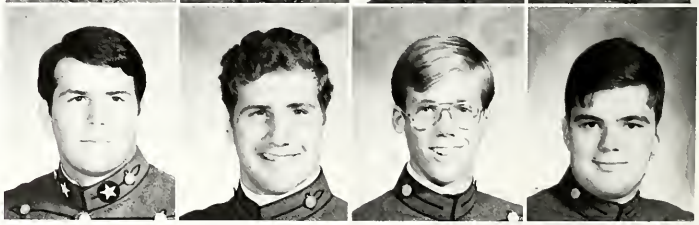

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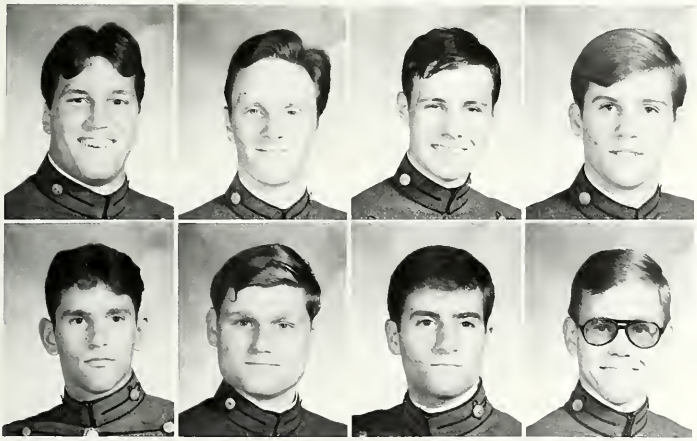

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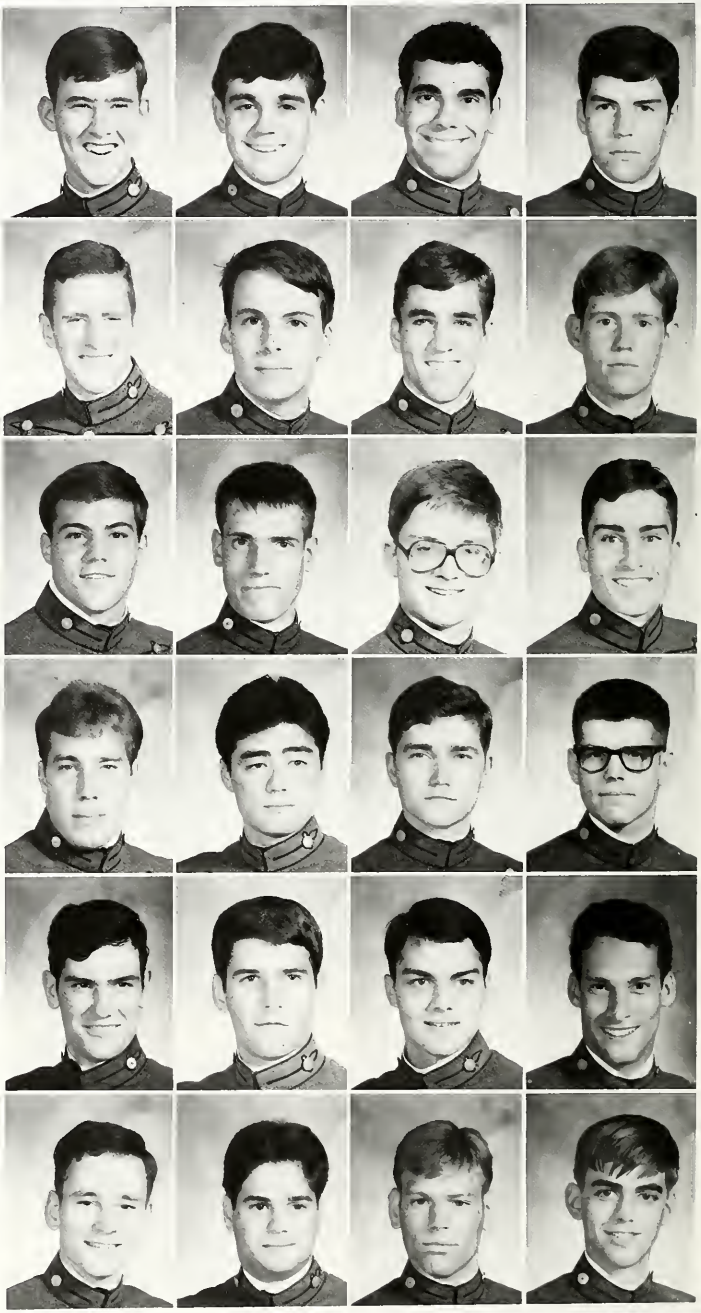

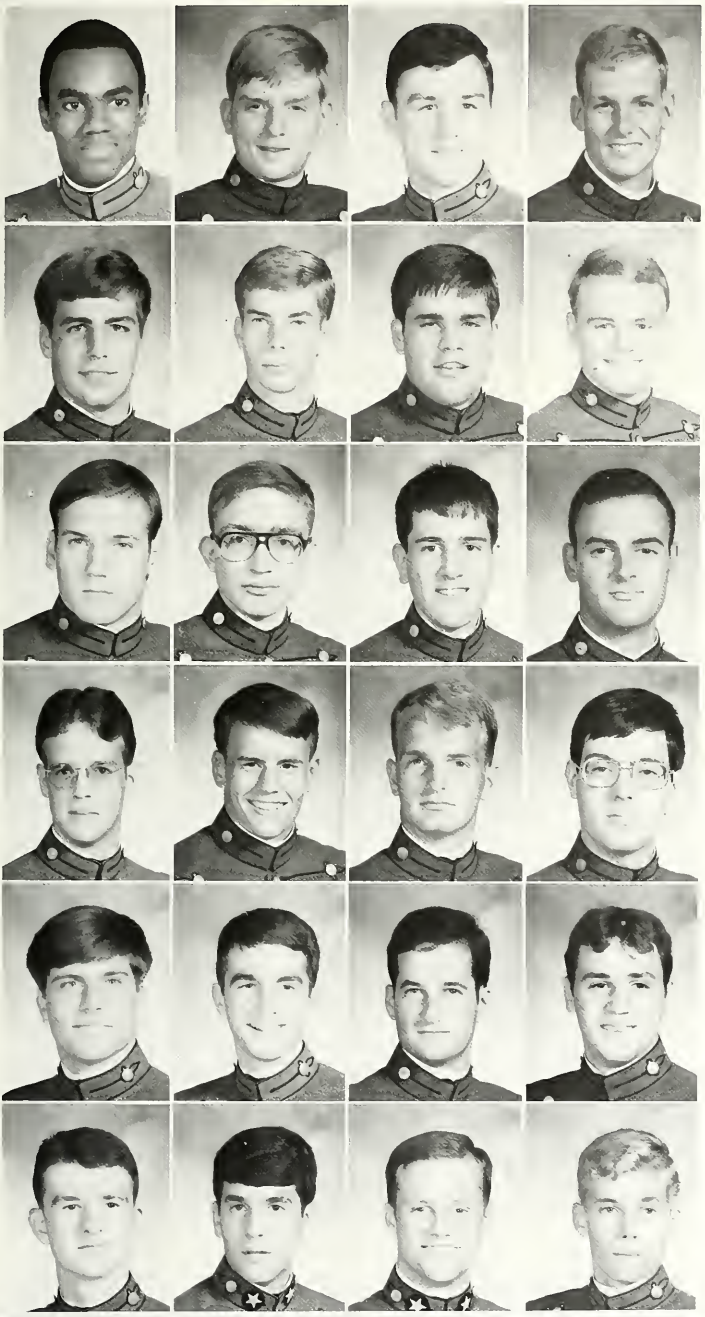

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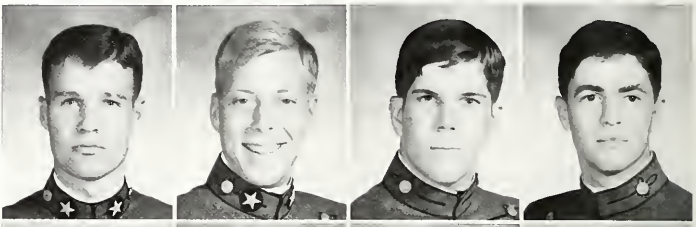

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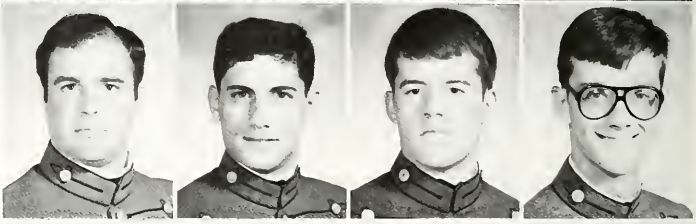

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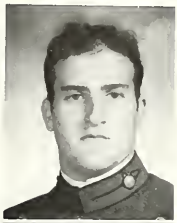

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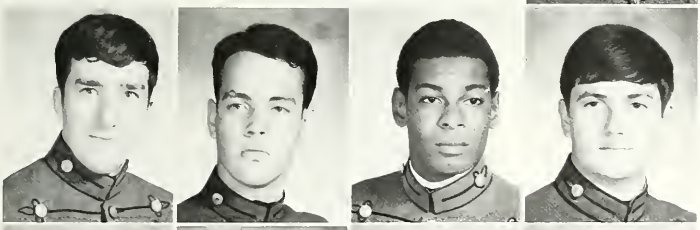

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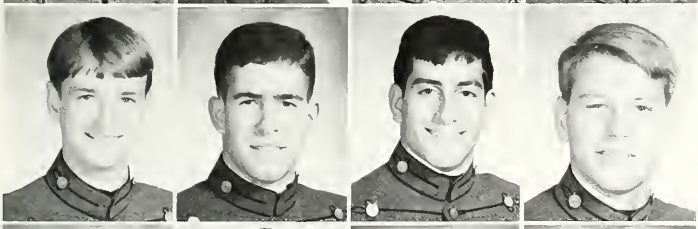

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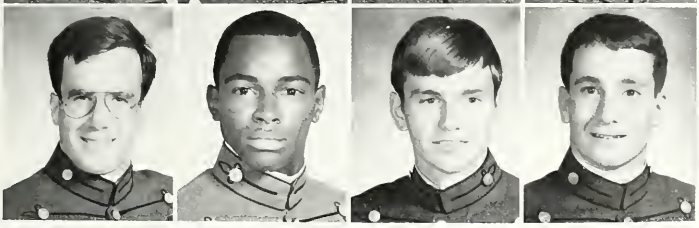

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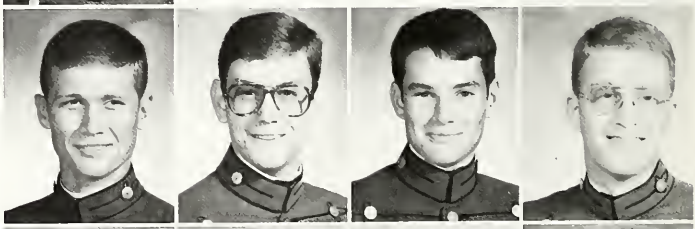

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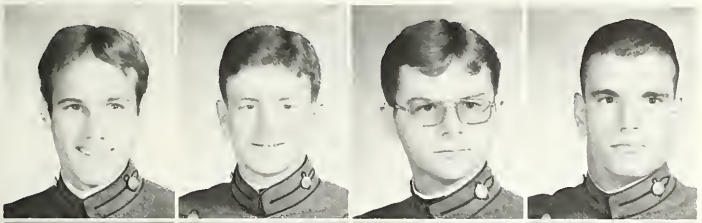

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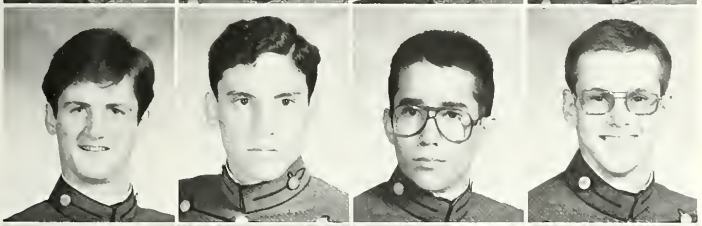

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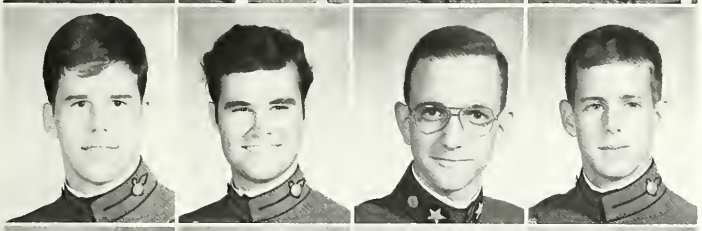

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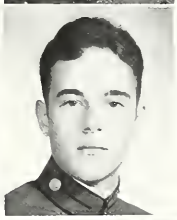

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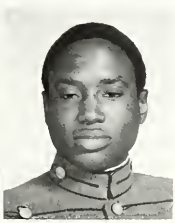

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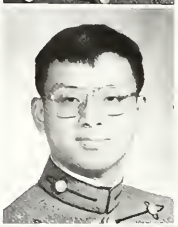

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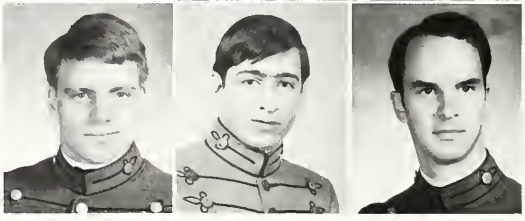

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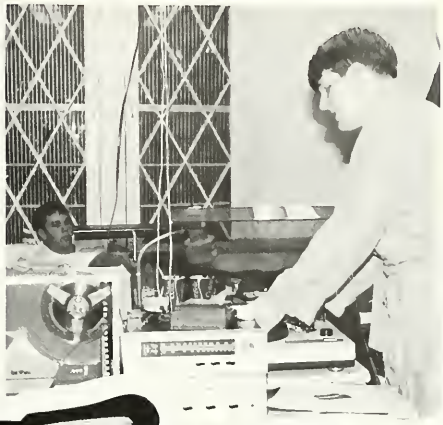

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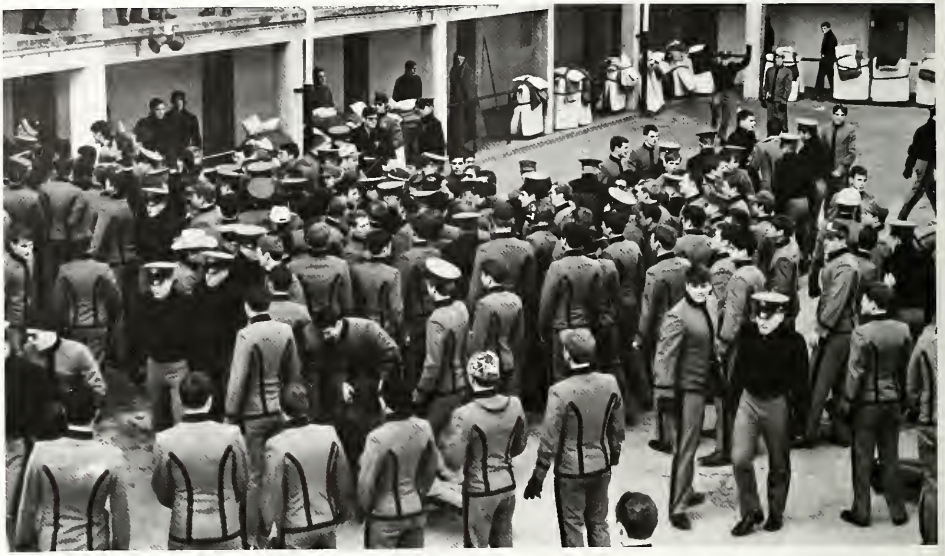

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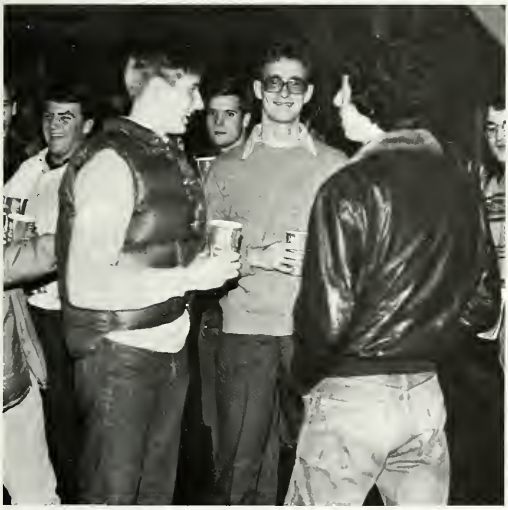

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12-22-78 1ST TERM 1978-79

SEMESTER NO.	SCHOOL YEAR	CLASS
1	78-79	81

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MILITARY DEMERITS

LAST PERIOD	TO DATE	EXCESSIVE
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DEPT.	COURSE NO.	SECT	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS	LETTER GRADE	QUALITY POINTS
CS	102	06	BASIC COMP PROG	1.0	C	2.0
MA	201	01	CAL AN GEOM III	3.0	F	0.0
MA	311	03	DIFF EQUATIONS	3.0	F	0.0
ME	201	01	STATICS	3.0	I	0.0
NS	201	02	NAV WEAPONS SYS	1.0	B	3.0
PE	204	03	FIRST AID	0.5	B	1.5
PY	207	02	GEN PHYSICS I	4.0	F	0.0
			TOTAL ▶	15.5	—	6.5

GRADING SYSTEM

RATING	LETTER GRADE	QLT. PTS.
OUTSTANDING	A	4
GOOD	B	3
AVERAGE	C	2
BELOW AVG., PASSING	D	1
CONDITIONAL FAILURE	E	0
FAILURE	F	0
INCOMPLETE	I	0
WITHDREW	W	0
WITHDREW, FAILING	WF	0

SEMESTER	YEAR	CUMULATIVE
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WEIGHTED QUALITY POINT AVERAGE

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NOTICE DATE 13 Nov

You are being (Placed on Report) ([redacted]) for the deficiencies checked below.

____ Article (Imp Displayed) (Unauth) _____
____ Bookshelf (Not Marked) (In disorder) (Unauth Article in Same)
✓ Civilian Clothing (Unauthorized)
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____ Food/Box (In window) (not in box) (not in shelf)
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NOTES:

Rank Does Have Its Privileges.

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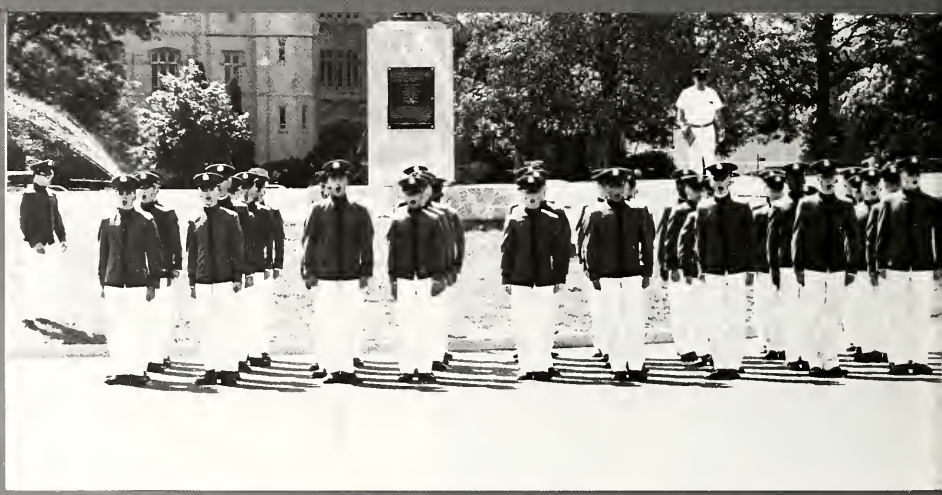
FOURTH CLASS

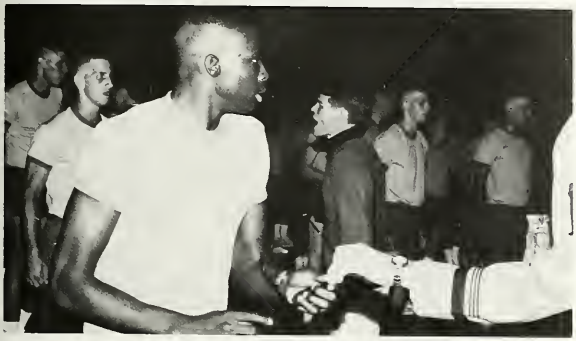
On Wednesday, 23 August 1978, we embarked upon a relationship which would prove to be a four year challenge. A challenge whereby our families lost a boy and in return gained a man. We had heard of The Virginia Military Institute and of her fine record of producing the Marshalls, Pullers, Lejeunes and other greats alike. So we came, seeking the system which would mold us all into the "VMI MAN." The challenges also came, and they came head on. However, we stuck together and stuck it out. We met every thing that they could throw at us and we lifted our heads triumphantly high, swelled with pride, realizing our achievements. It wasn't easy but then what is of real worth? We became the CLASS OF 1982 and we showed to all just exactly what that number meant.

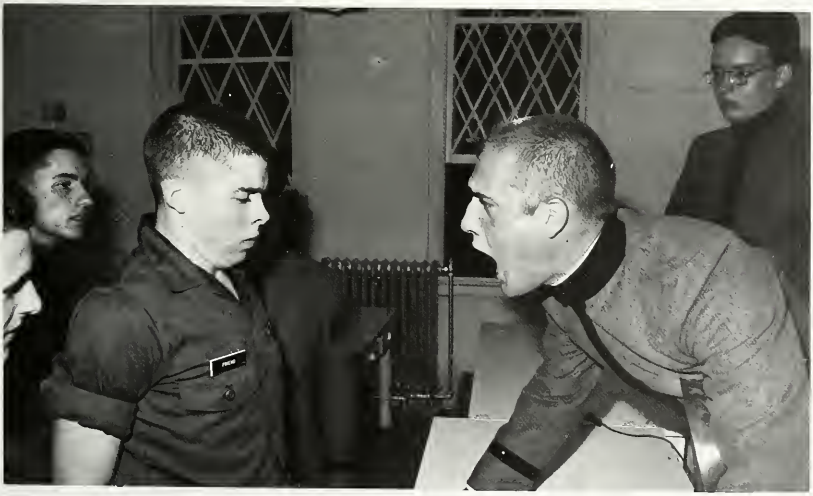
Sacrifice! We knew just what that word meant. We were reminded of it every time that we received a letter from home or when those exciting weekends came and we had the time to think about what we could have been doing as opposed to what we really were doing. Yes, the sacrifices were apparent but they all seemed well worth it as we had the first chance to lean back and strut in our uniforms and show to the world that "by God, we are the best!"

By Wednesday, 21 February 1979, that long awaited day had arrived. Our dyke's class believed that we had met the same challenge that they had to overcome. We had proven ourselves to be worthy of the uniform and of being a class. We indeed are grateful for the outstanding leadership from the class of '79, which is easier to remember and appreciate now, than when we were living through it.

What we accomplished here, what we endured here will make an everlasting indelibel mark on our lives and confirm a title within us: "VMI MAN". No longer will we walk the worn out path that so many before us did. Never again will we be addressed as "Rat", but we have grown and sensed the changes that have taken place. For within us a higher calling comes forth; unity, responsibility, spirit, dedication, pride and honor.







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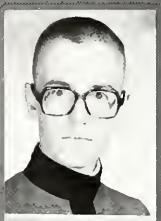

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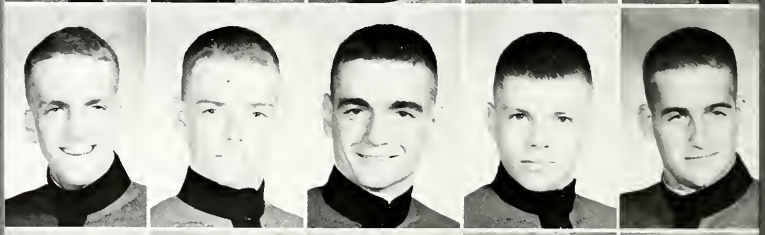

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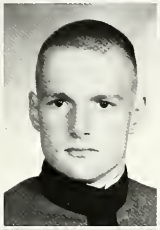

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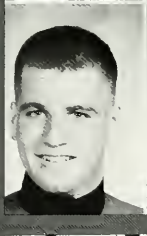

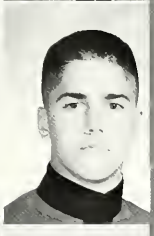

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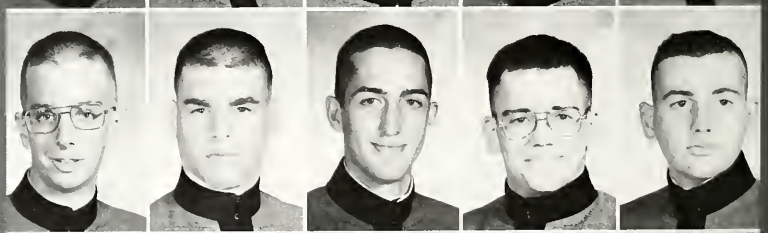

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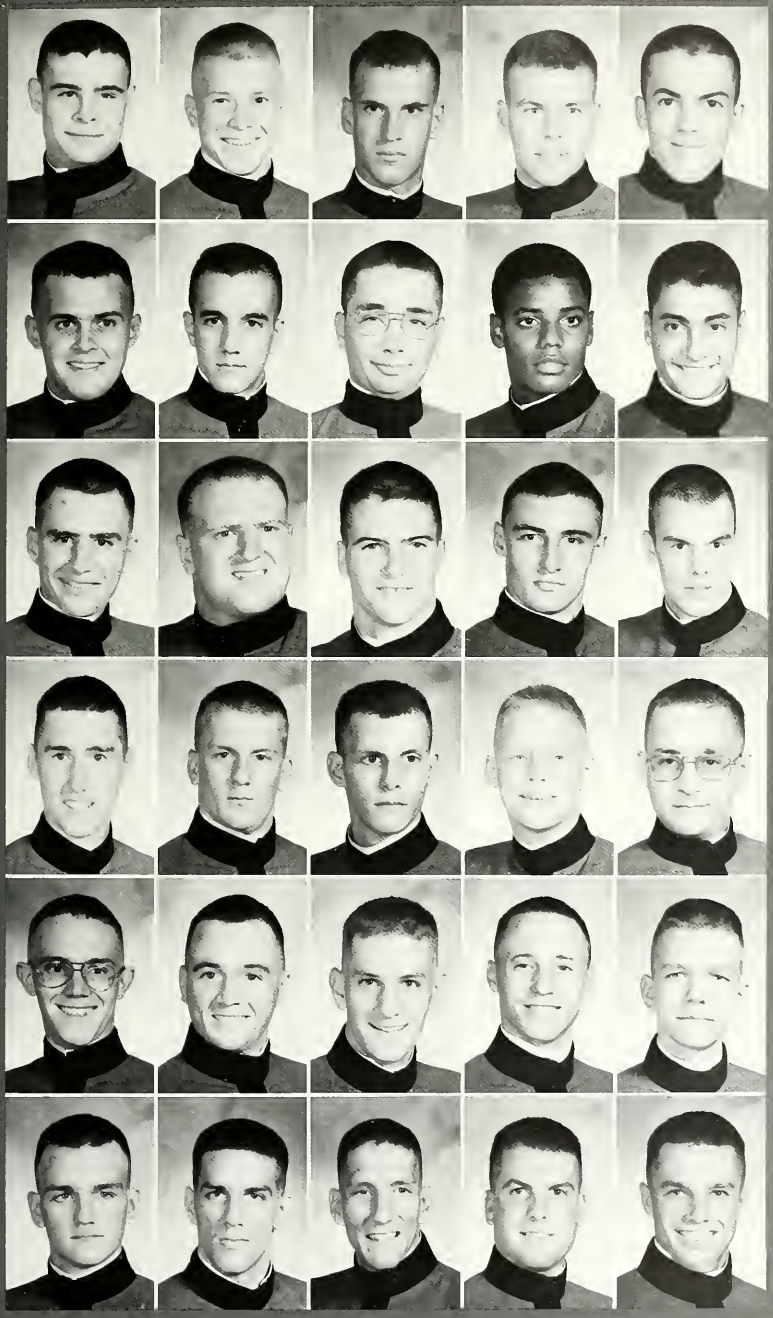

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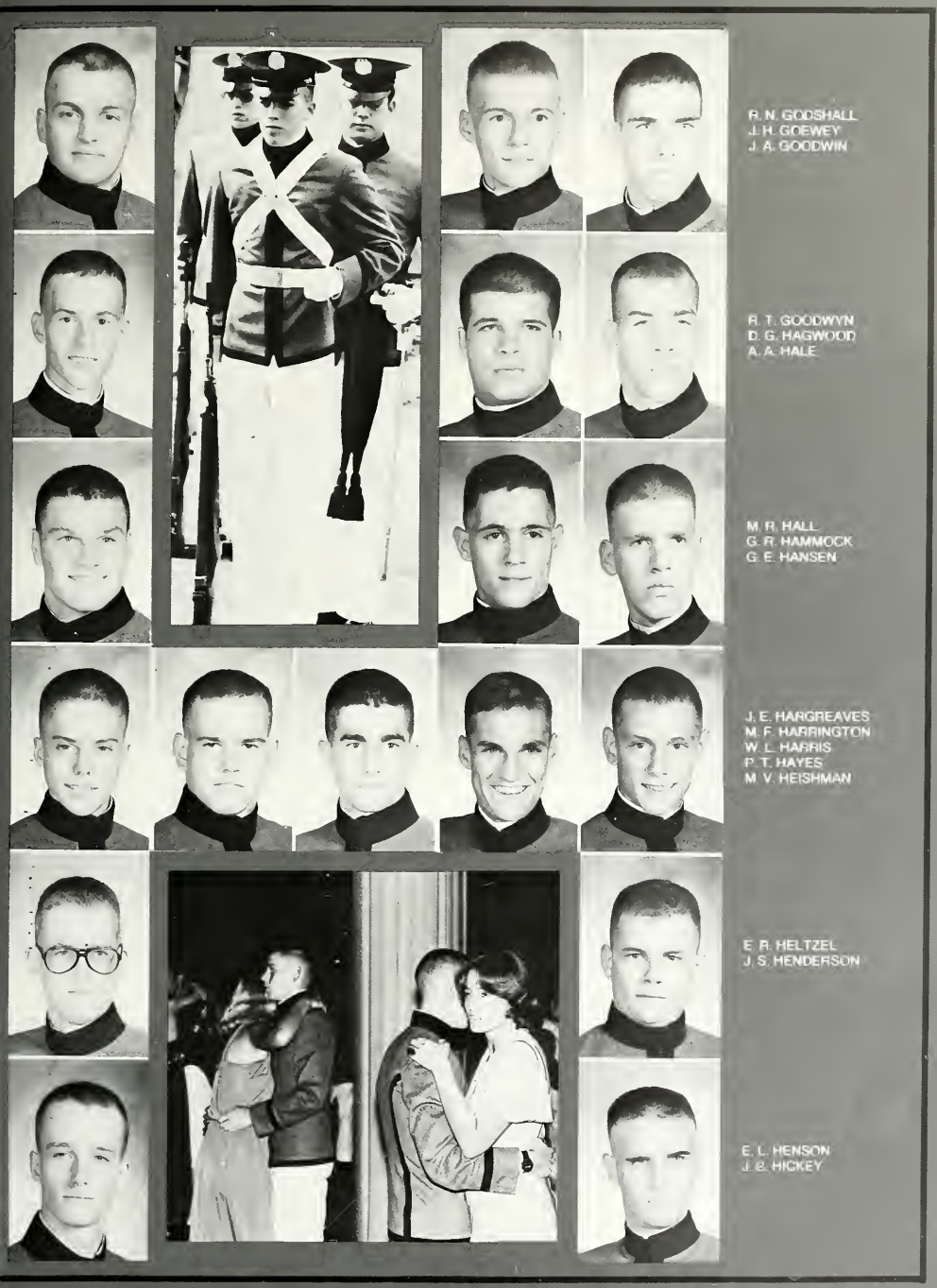

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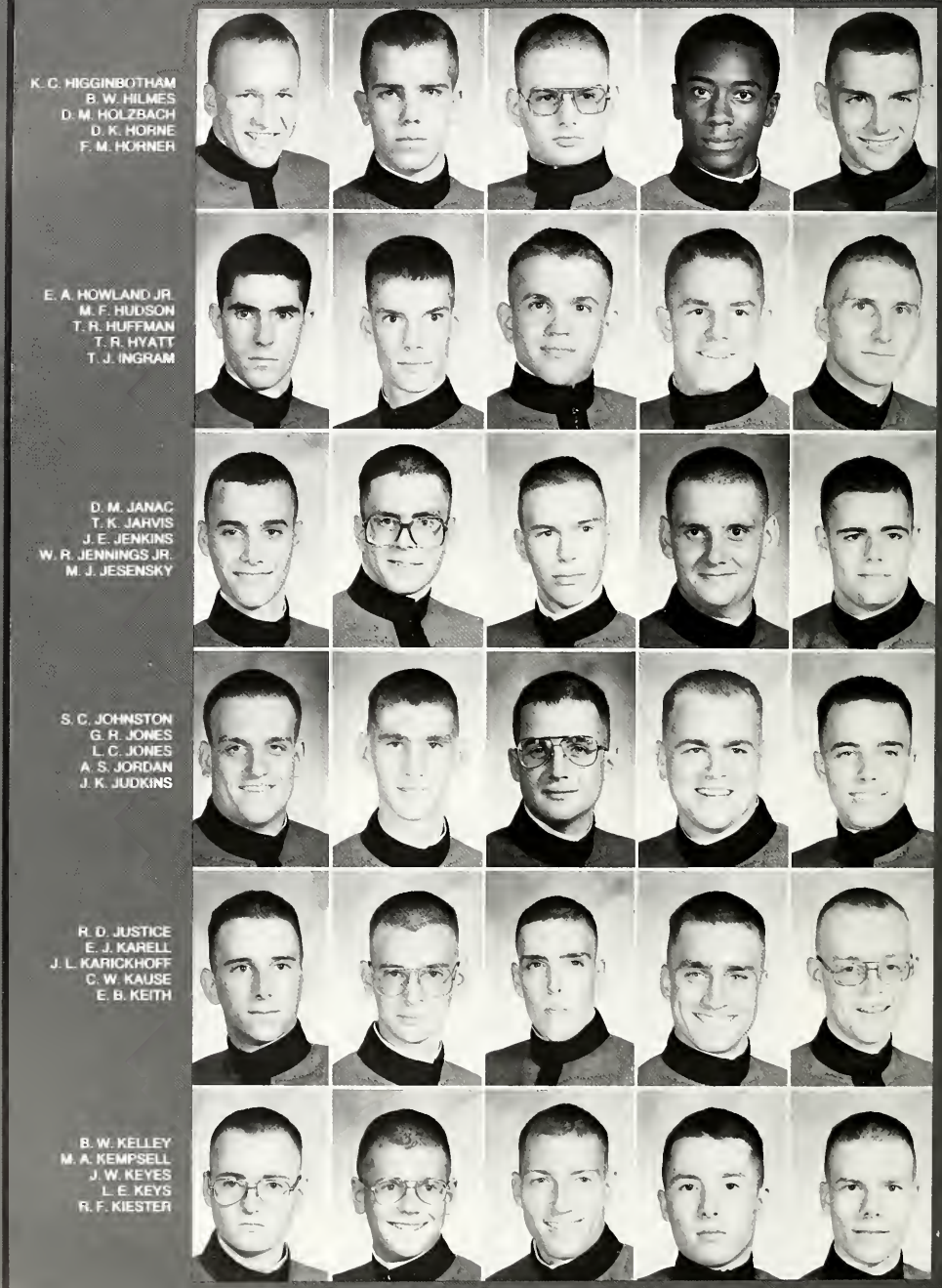
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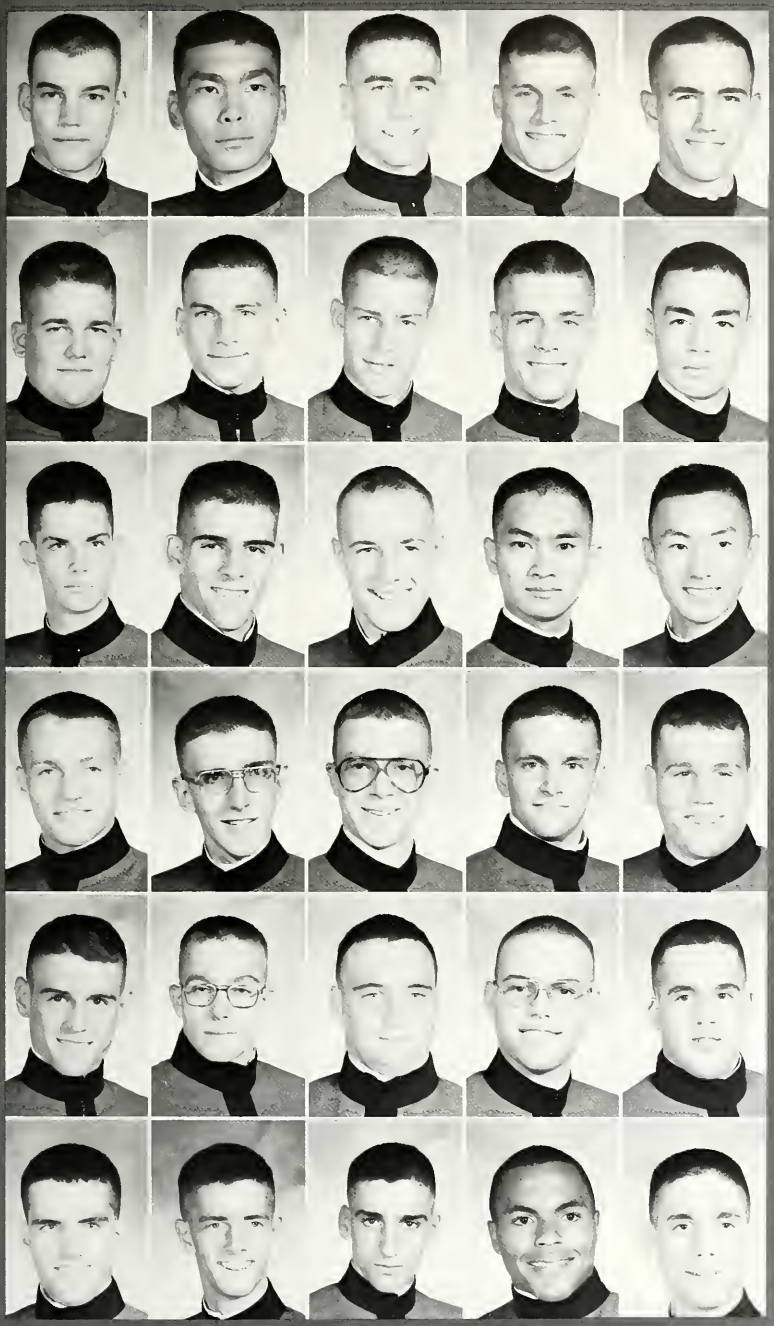

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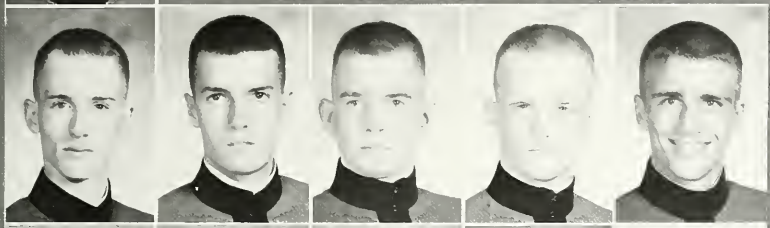

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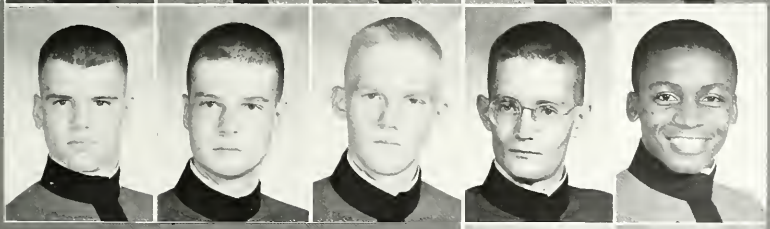

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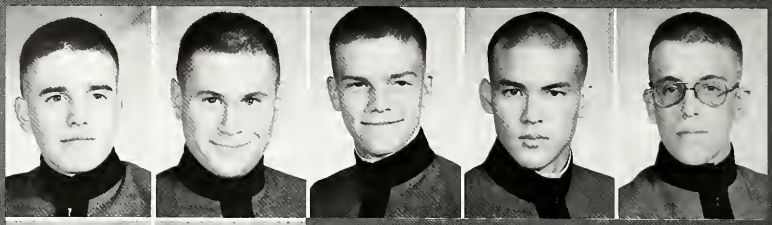

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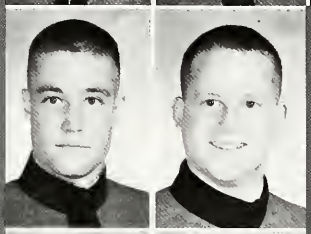

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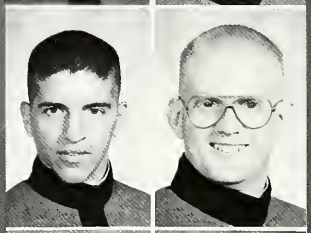

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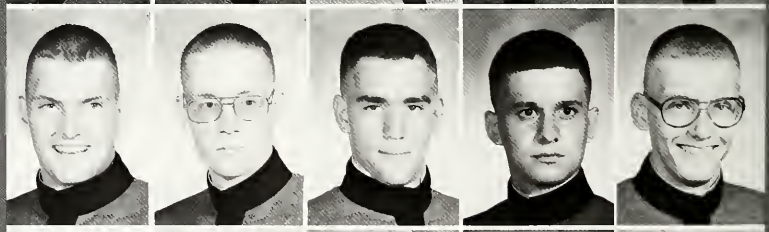

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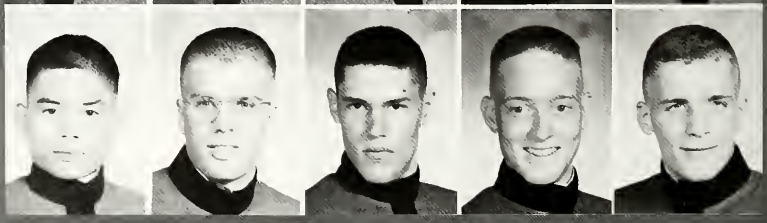

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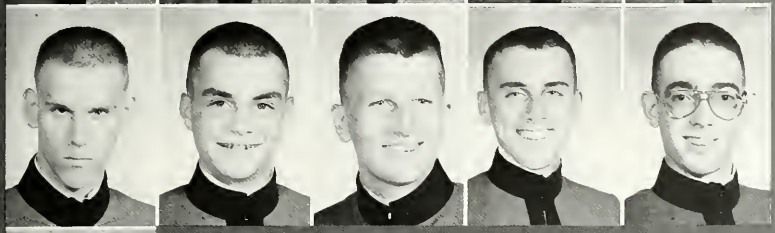

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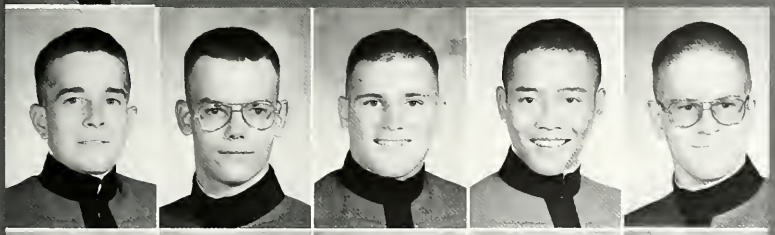

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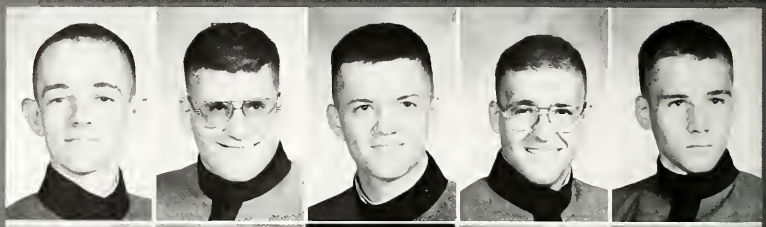

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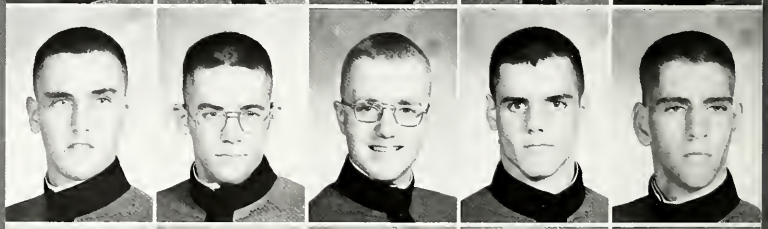

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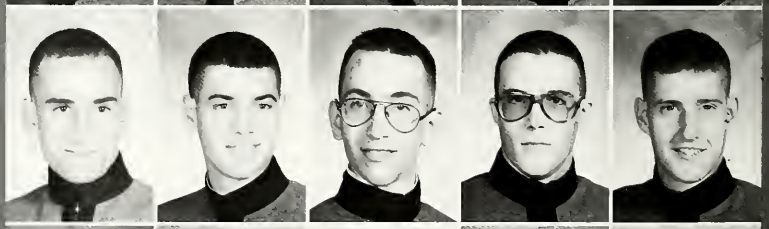

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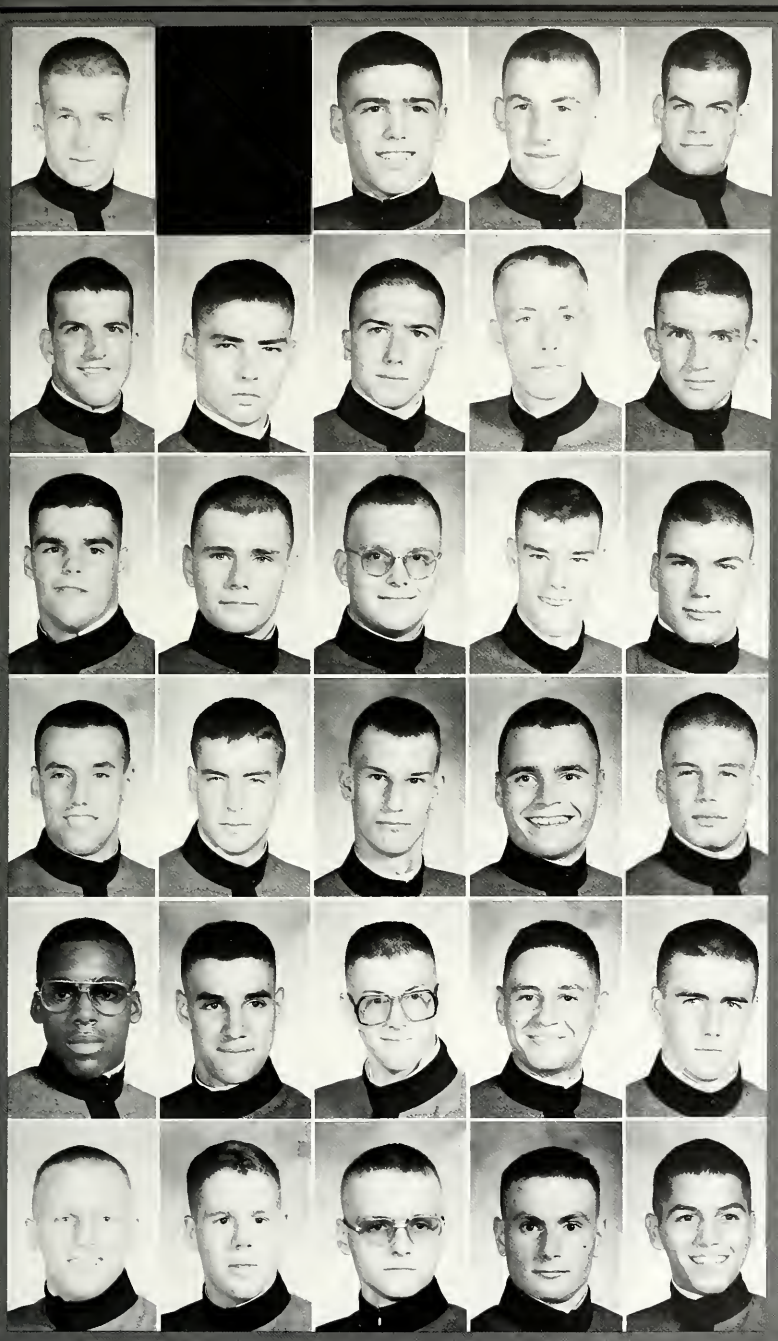

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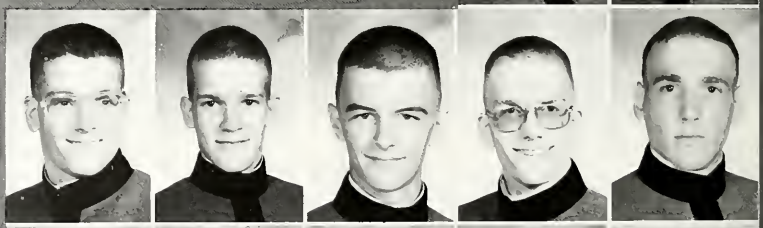

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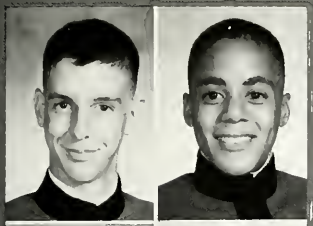

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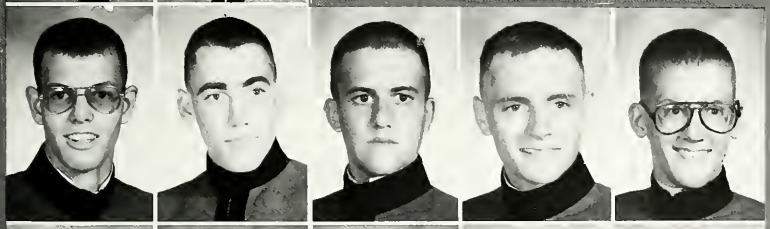

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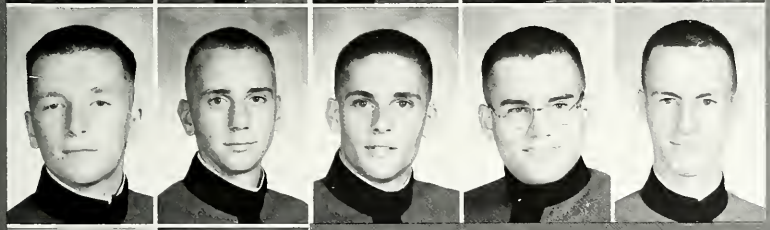

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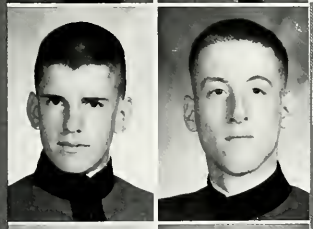

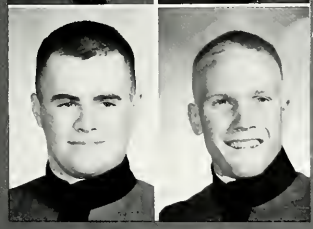

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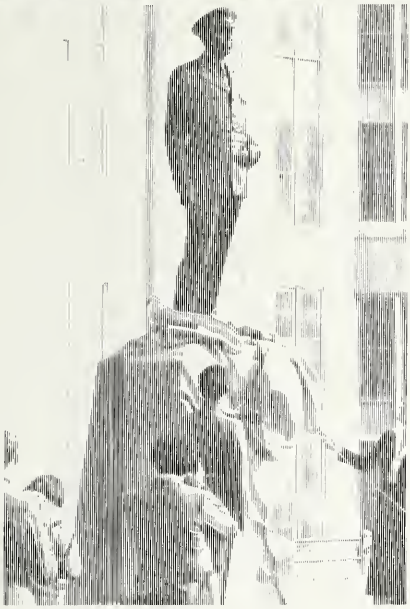
FEB. 21, 1979

FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND

Founder's Day Weekend, November 10-11 marked an extra special event this year at VMI. Not only did Alumni and the Corps of Cadets celebrate the institute's 139th birthday but it was during this weekend that the statue of General George C. Marshall, VMI'S most illustrious graduate, was dedicated.



The occasion was begun on Friday, November 10, with the presentation of the New Market Medal to the Honorable Mills E. Godwin. This was followed by a Review Parade presented in honor of the former governor of Virginia.

On Founder's Day, November 11, the statue of George C. Marshall was dedicated.

A 19 gun salute marked the conclusion of this most memorable Founder's Day celebration.

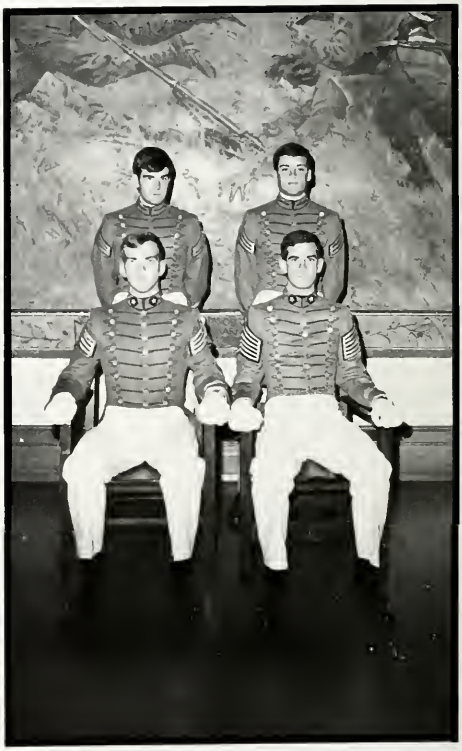
CORPS

HONOR COURT

While at VMI, a cadet's word is never questioned; his work for grade is considered to be his own; his tests are never monitored by his professors; and his room need never be locked to protect his valuables. Our system of honor is indeed unique in its utopian atmosphere, and we as cadets intend to preserve its uniqueness — for ourselves and even more importantly for those who will attend the VMI in the future.

Truly the VMI Honor System belongs to all VMI men everywhere. It is theirs to cherish and protect. May it last forever. For as long as her Honor System survives, so too will the Institute.

Robert Lee Norris, Jr.
President of the 1978-1979
VMI Honor Court



WHO'S WHO

This year the class of 1979 has sent forward twenty-seven of its finest Brother Rats to represent the Virginia Military Institute in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These men were chosen by a board composed of cadets and faculty. They were recognized for their praiseworthy leadership and achievements in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and service to the Institute. These men are: Mike Mendez, Tim Bridges, Tom Bright, Meade Spotts, Claude Fore, Jamie Smith, Phil Southers, Dan Foster, Jay Virtue, Jay Gede, Chappy Lucas, Marc Withers, Tony Hamilton, John Colonna, Jeff Smith, Councill Rudolph, Bobby Norris, Bob Arnold, Paul Jussel, Nick Kepf, Steve Lyon, Tony Pais, Bob Bookmiller, Jeff Curtis. Not Pictured: Jim Leavitt, Mark Cheek, Hank Chase.

These men have worked hard and deserve this honor. They are outstanding representatives of the first class and the Institute.

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Regimental Executive Officer — Cadet Captain Anthony B. Pais

Regimental Adjutant	— Cadet Captain Henri G. Chase
Regimental S-3	— Cadet Captain Robert A. Johannsen
Regimental S-4	— Cadet Captain John A. Brown
Regimental S-5	— Cadet Captain William E. McCarthy
Regimental S-5 Lt.	— Cadet First Lt. John D. Stocker

REGIMENTAL AND COLOR SERGEANTS

Regimental Sgt. Major — Cadet Sgt. Major John A. Rudolph
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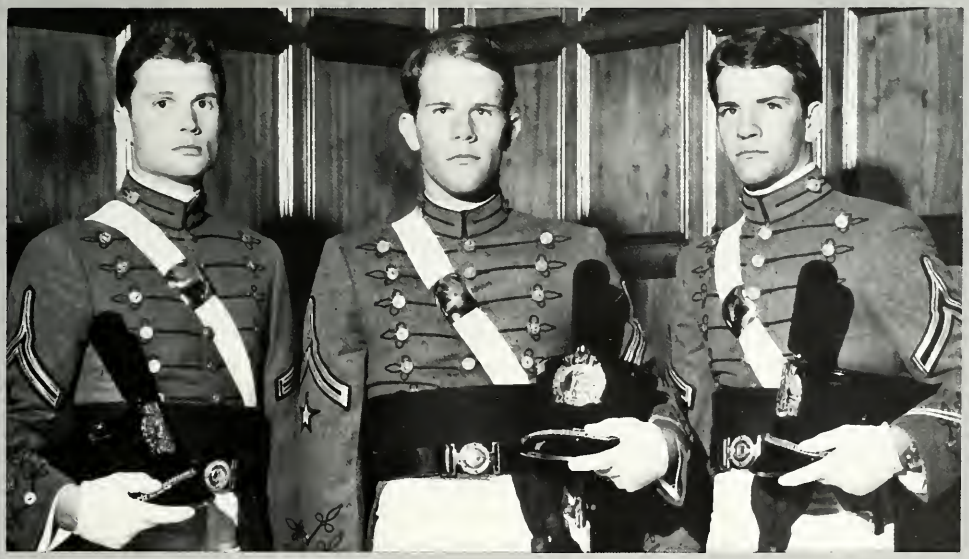

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Battalion S-4	—	Cadet First Lt. David E. Houser
Battalion S-5	—	Cadet First Lt. Craig A. Myler

SECOND BATTALION STAFF

Battalion Commander	—	Cadet Captain Nicholas C. Kepf
Battalion Adjutant	—	Cadet First Lt. John O. Colonna, II
Battalion S-3	—	Cadet First Lt. Edward A. Johnson, Jr.
Battalion S-4	—	Cadet First Lt. Michael R. Vela
Battalion S-5	—	Cadet First Lt. Charles E. Smith

ALPHA COMPANY

Company Commander
J. Danny Foster
Company X.O.
Steven W. Dailey
Lieutenants:
Larry W. Betz
G. Dariush Alipanah
Howard I. Adams
Ted C. Kientz

Guide or Bearer
Joseph Bonsignore

First Sergeant
J. Wade Stinnette

Master Sergeant
James R. Lunsford

Jay Higginbotham, Dave Crim, Ed Negro, John Airis, John Vaughn, Dave Pyle, Joe Corsaro, Dennis Staples, Skip Briggs, Larry Adams, Dave Choplinski, Carter McCrowell, Chip Marohn, Marc Withers, Jim Atkins, Brad Burns, Meade Spotts, Jay Gede, Bill Drewery, Mory Wood, Bill Albro, John Blake, Dave Taylor, Pen Pace, Nick Collins, Steve Powers, Brad Jones, Mike Oden, Joe Bonsignore, Larry Williams, Kevin Brown.

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TO·VINDICATE·HER·HONOR·OR·DEFEND·HER·RIGHTS

Captain Henry V. Meager USA
VMI 1969

Major Gerald L. Morey USA
University of Tampa 1974

BRAVO COMPANY

Company Commander
Philip H. Gallahan
Company X. O.
Nicholas S. Rantis
Lieutenants:
Michael D. Thomas
Robert L. Parodi
Donald V. Wells
David F. Woolwine
First Sergeant
Forrest L. Marion
Master Sergeant
Thomas N. Gelles
Guidon Bearer
Janis G. Ozolins

Charlie Moses, Keith Ranker, Jim Leavitt, Dean Smith, George Myers, Mark Cheek, Dave Crawford, Reggie Sadler, Rob Maxey

Captain Joseph D. Duncan, Jr. USAF
The Citadel 1971

Captain Charles F. Hamilton USMC
VMI 1971

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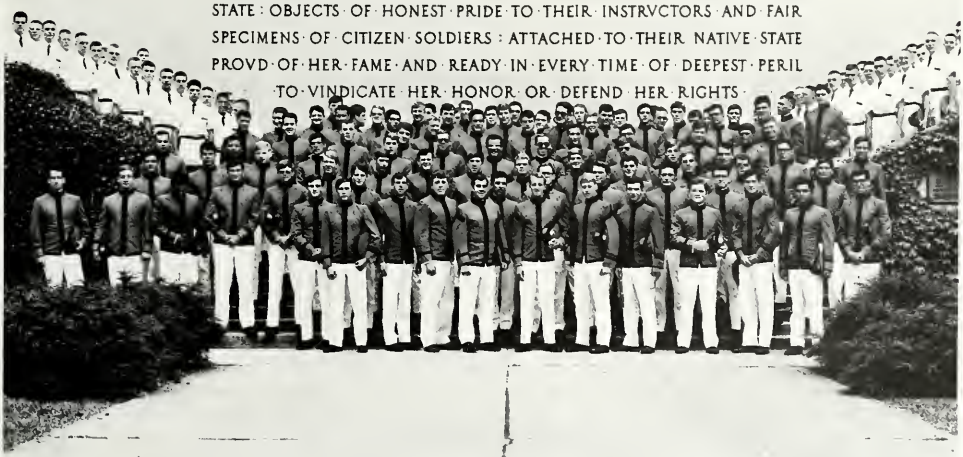

CHARLIE COMPANY

Company Commander
Howard C. Lucas
Company X.O.
Dirk A. Cox
Lieutenants
James R. Pigg
James E. Barger
John Poffenbarger
Ricardo J. Rendon
First Sergeant
Gary L. Fellows
Master Sergeant
Robert F. Liguori
Guidon Bearer
Gregory C. Quinn

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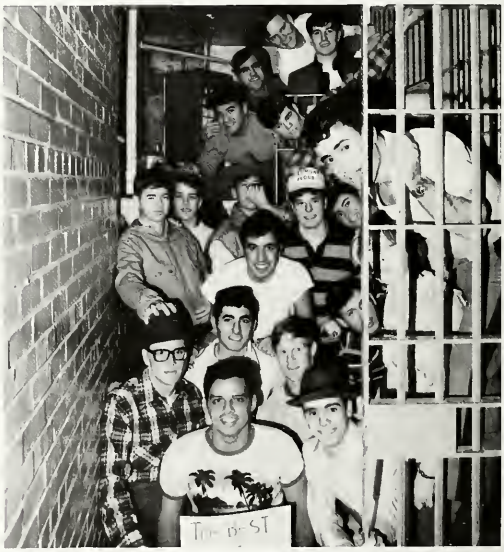
REGARDS
TO
COLONEL
EDGAR



Mike Mendez, Bob Morris, Pete Underwood, Tom Bright, Mohammed Hossein Pour, Bill Peacock, Reza Zeinali, Brian Tollie, Steve Lyon, Fil Truitt, Mohammad Razipour, Randy Hawkins, Bob Sievert, Ali Nassiri, Joe Walbert, Asadollah Keshavarz, Ray Hendrickson, Terry Fox

Lieutenant Richard L. Johnson USN
Clarion State 1973

Captain Kenneth F. Houston USA
VMI 1969

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DELTA COMPANY

Company Commander
Kon Y. Shin
Company X.O.
Michael S. Ogden
Lieutenants
Thomas H. White
Bruce Reinard
Jay G. Virtue
Jeff H. Curtis
First Sergeant
Edwin L. Baker
Master Sergeant
Frank J. Leech
Guidon Bearer
Steven Scaglione

Dick Maslin, Sput Leadbetter, Stan Hodges, Jim LaRose, Tom Wilson, Bob Bowling, Jeff Beeby, Kirk Latsha, Russ Zech, John Stevenson, Rick Cadugan, Ed Buck, Roy Sadler, Pete Petterson, Don Zimmer, Steve Scaglione, John Pleasants

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Captain Joseph J. Spicer USA
VMI 1969

Captain Robert H. Candido USA
VMI 1970

ECHO COMPANY

Company Commander
Robert L. Norris
Company X.O.
Gary D. Parker
Lieutenants
Daniel L. Richardson
Pedro Alvarez
Eric Schwarz
Farshad Majidian
First Sergeant
Brian O'Neill
Master Sergeant
Loten T. Masker
Guidon Bearer
William T. Bersson

Eric Nost, Rick Hall, Rich Toft, Masoud Bajestani, Abbasali Erfani, Dariush Ahmadpoursamani, Pirooz Borojerdi, Sam Murphy, Stan Ballard, Billy Tulloh, Charlie Sachs, George Graham, Bill Sarvay, Dave Sholler, Dan Kornacki, Chip Humphrey, Massie Meredith, Bill Bersson, Al Higginbotham, Stan Leck

Lt. Phillip A. Bishop USN
USNA 1972

Captain Thomas A. Fitzgerald USAF
VMI 1971

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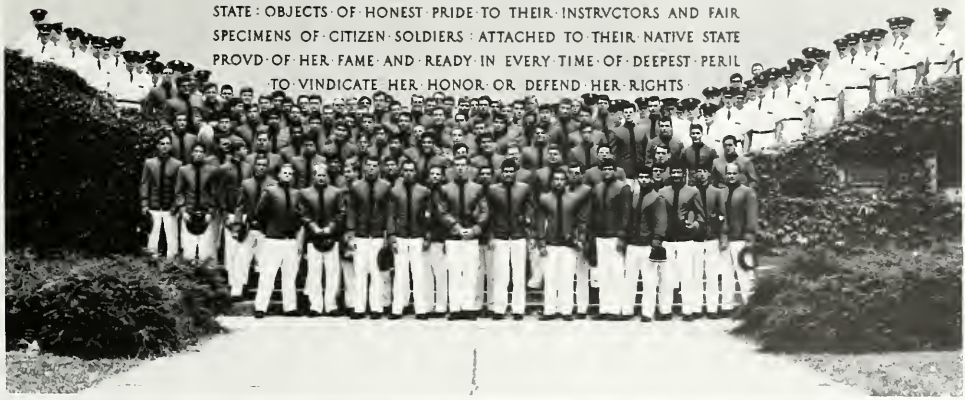
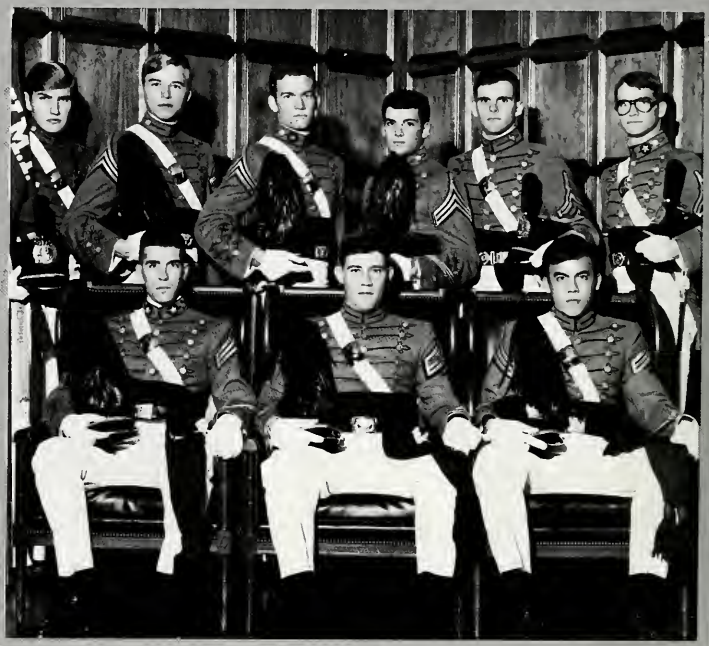


FOXTROT COMPANY



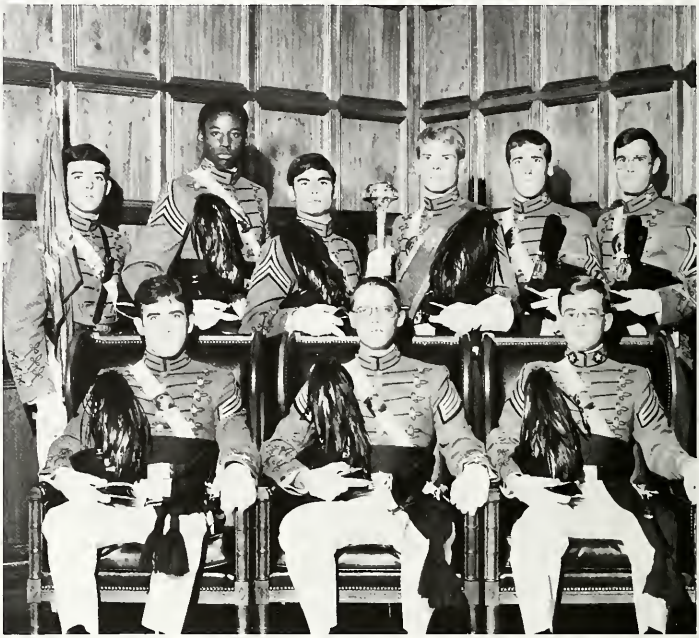
Company Commander
William P. Hamlin
Company X.O.
Jeffrey G. Smith
Lieutenants
Thomas P. Baltazar
Peter F. Szabo
Thomas L. Northam
Robert E. Arnold
First Sergeant
John W. Diggs
Master Sergeant
Robert B. Gore
Guidon Bearer
Randolph K. Young

Glen Higgins, Bart Cramer, Dale Drury, Jeb Burton, Mac Curtis, Grey Farthing, Rick Pugh, Paul Ramey, Bill Holmes, Larry King, Bob Russell, Scot Anderson, Kirt Undercoffer, Jim Owens, Dariush Akhavan, Paul Lachmanek, Randy Young, R. J. Bartol, Stan Walchock

Captain Warren C. Wagner USA
VMI 1970

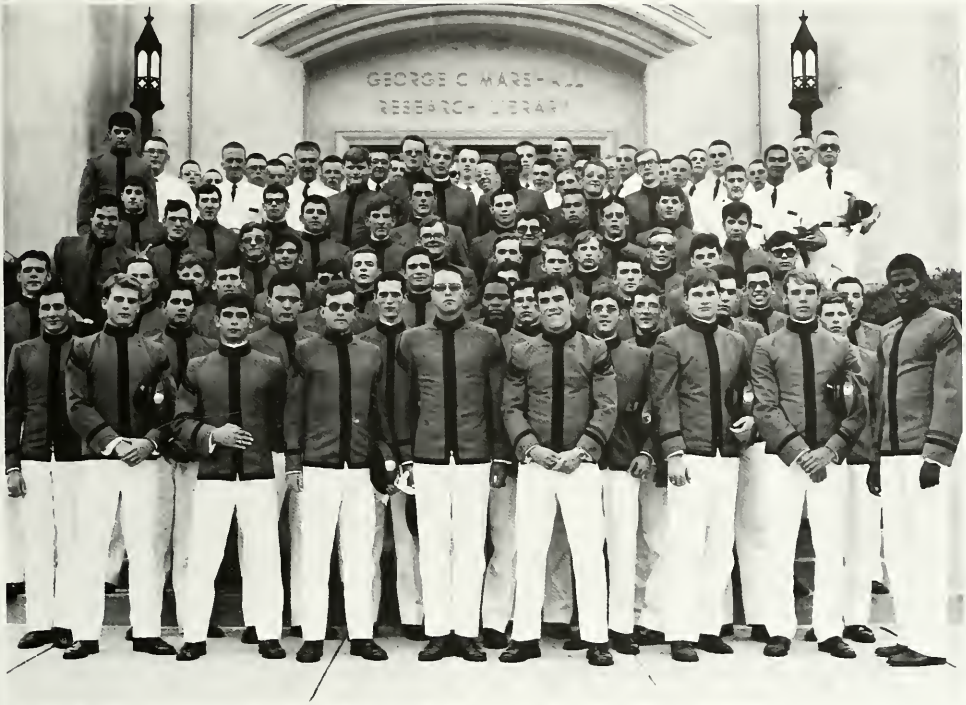
Captain David A. Sheppard USA
California State at Long Beach 1969

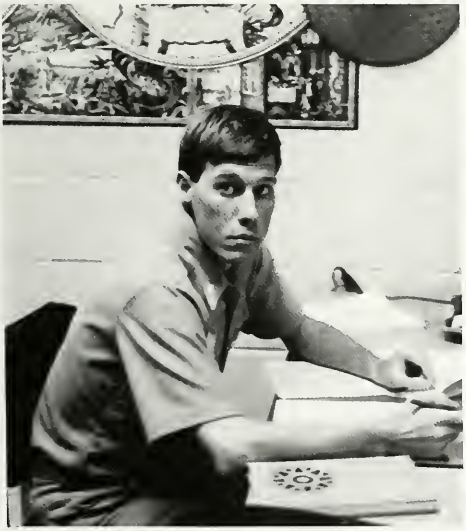
BAND COMPANY



Company Commander
Earl G. Pilker
Comapny X.O.
Asa H. Page
Lieutenants
Jamie L. Smith
Timothy K. Bridges
Timothy E. Ritzert
Curtis L. McCabe
First Sergeant
William T. Stoneman
Master Sergeant
Steven M. Andrews

Gleb Taran, Tom Mitchell, Bob Suthard, Tim Cordle, Bill Lamb, Craig Maxson





Lt. jg. John M. Demsey USN
Penn State 1975

Major Phares E. Noyes USA
William Carey College 1974

ACTIVITIES

First Row: Morris R.J., Gleaves E.V., Outland G.C., Second Row: McDonough R.A., Jussel P.C., Hamilton A.E. President, Gomez J.P. III, Weaver G.M., Third Row: Rantis N.S., Baker L.E. III, Wood W.B. II, Fain H.M. III.

General Committee Executive Committee

The General Committee is a body composed of the class officers of the upper three classes, and a continual rotating jury assigned the task of enforcing and protecting class privileges within the VMI corps of Cadets. The General Committee additionally insures that protective measures designed for all cadets are strictly adhered to.

The Executive Committee is a body composed of the class officers of the upper three classes, assigned the task of assuring that the standards and traditions of VMI are upheld by every cadet within or outside the barracks.

Posit Committee

First Row: McCarthy W.E., McLean J.C., Gede J.A. President, McDonough R.A., Second Row: Gleaves E.V., Johnson W.P., Letts S.J., Stauffer J.A., Lee H.G., Third Row: Jaks J.R., Wheeler R., Collins N., Burton J., Nauta P.

The Posit Committee is an organization composed of Members representing the upper three classes and leaders throughout the Corps. Assigned the responsibility of investigating matters concerning all members of the VMI Corps of Cadets, the Posit Committee seeks to objectively study and subsequently recommend courses of action to the Commandant and Superintendent on behalf of the Corps.

RDC

From the everyday experience of the ratline, a rat develops a mental and physical toughness that enables him to confidently negotiate obstacles encountered during his cadetship, and later life. Elected by our brother rats, the R.D C. spearheaded the effort by the first class to transform these trembling rats into VMI men. We did our job well.

THE RDC

Front Row: Thompson V.J., Sotos T.J., Bodling E.F. President, Leavitt J.E.C., Thomas M.D.

Second Row: Ritzert T.E., Manley T.F., Buck E.L., Austin D.U., Bright R.T.

Third Row: Tulloh W.R., Taran G.M., Drewery W.E.

OGA

Pyle D.A., Mitchell T.K., Leadbetter J.L., Walbert J. President, Ozolins J., Bersson B., Burton J.

The Officer of the Guard Association is an organization comprised of First Class Privates representing each company within the Corps of Cadets. The OGA acts as a mediator between the Corps and the Institute Authorities in matters where a cadet feels he has been treated unfairly. Additionally the OGA deals with individual problems arising between Cadets.

American Chemical Society

Center: Billingsly C.E., Middle Row: Munns C., Sobota M., White T., Manley T., Cheek M.F. President, Sadler J.M., Back Row: Hansrote C.J., Andrews S.M., Stinnette J.W., Wilson T.D., Poole R.M., Adams D.M., Karell E.J., Face C.C., Wagner P.T., Eichman C.F., Myler C.F.

The VMI American Chemical Society student affiliate chapter is an organization dedicated to expanding the horizons of its members beyond the boundaries of VMI. The ACS enables cadets to examine what is happening in the real chemical world. This year, the members were introduced to the activities of other chemists in roles such as: American defense research, industrial research and development, and graduate school chemistry.

American Society of Civil Engineers

The ASCE is the largest and one of the oldest cadet organizations at the VMI. Through its many activities, which include seminars, paper competitions, projects, and branch meetings, the ASCE promotes pride in the profession of Civil Engineering and gives cadets exposure to potential employment opportunities.

President: Hank Chase Vice President: Forrest Marion

Arnold Air Society

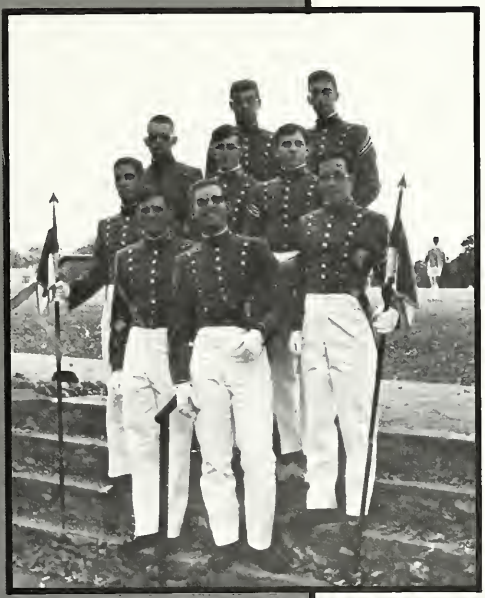
First Row: Szabo, P.F., Avery, L. G., Mendoz. M. Commander, Cook, T. L., Second Row: Sadowski, P. D., Airis, J. M., Diggs, J. W., Brown, J. D. Third Row: Shelton, L. C., Capt. Fitzgerald. Taylor, D. G., Hinton, C. J. Fourth Row: Kwiatowski, G. A., Davidson, K. F.

The Arnold Air Society is a national organization advocating support of the United States Air Force. Here at the VMI, the Society seeks to render service to the community, provide professional training leading to a career as an Air Force Officer and provide social functions for its members.

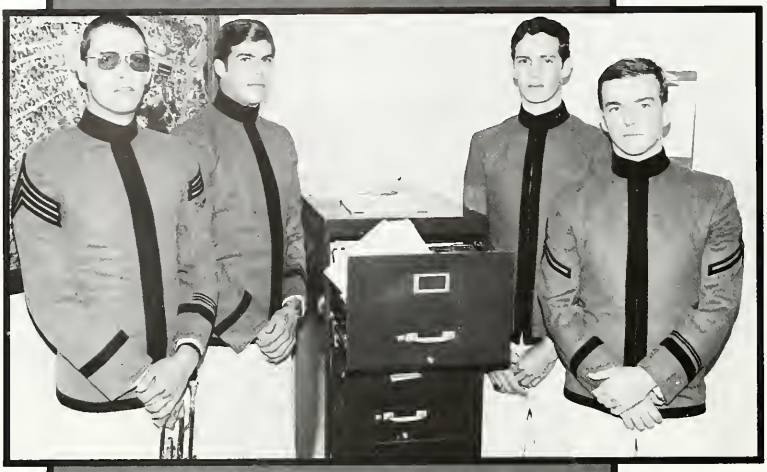
Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union is a very active Christian organization at the VMI. The program centers around a Sunday evening fellowship and supper at Manly Memorial Baptist Church. The BSU participates in many other activities such as the hospital ministry to the elderly at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, the BSU Folk which sings contemporary Christian music, and raising of funds for the state BSU Summer Missions program. The main objective of the BSU however, is to satisfy the individual's spiritual, emotional, and intellectual needs, and to lead cadets and faculty members to a commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Mike Weatherholtz, President
Keith Ranker, Vice President



The Buglers



Left to Right: Pilker E.G., Ludlum A.M., Maxson C.R., Alford E.T.S.

The chosen few who give the Corps the smaller things in life!

Cadet Program Board

The CPB seeks to provide cultural, social, recreational, and educational programs which will interest and benefit cadets, faculty, and staff of VMI. Participation in these activities are conducive to personal and social development in a college atmosphere. These opportunities to obtain training and experience outside the classroom in fields of interest further enhances the educational atmosphere of the college community.

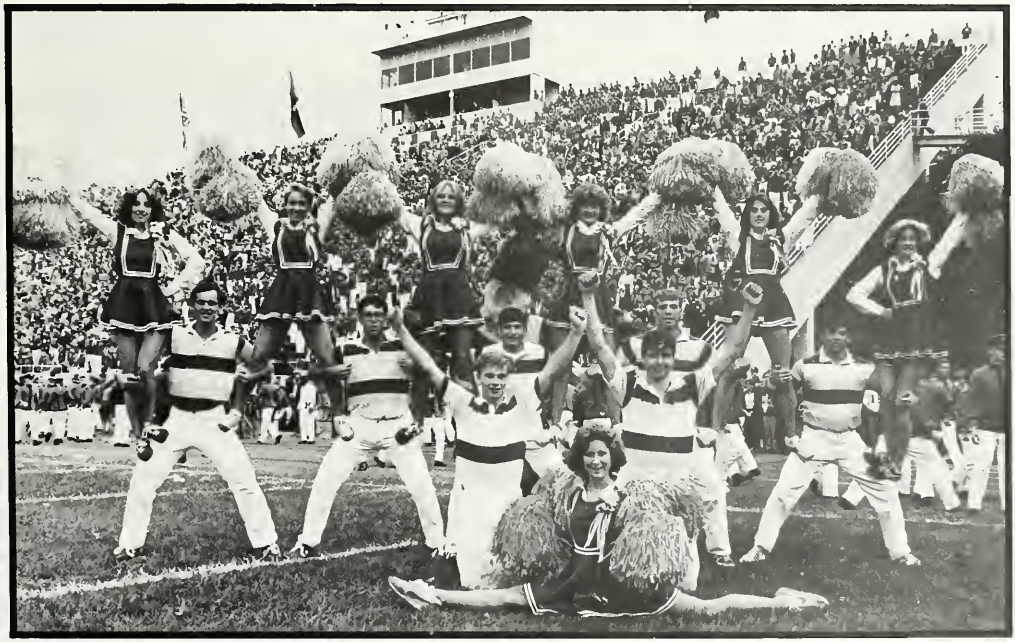
First Row: Ogden M., Leech F., Horan T., Sawyer M., Second Row: Southers P., Colonna J., Sayre S., Outland G.

Cadet Recreation Committee

The purpose of the CRC is to organize, coordinate, and facilitate indoor and outdoor Recreational activities for the Corps of Cadets. These goals were achieved by providing recreational equipment, sponsoring CRC tournaments and recreational furloughs, and simultaneously encouraging individual and group safety.

First Row: Southers P., Avery L., Mendez M., Martin J., Second Row: Sayre S., Oast E., Kovach T., Not Pictured: Ives J.G.

Cheerleaders

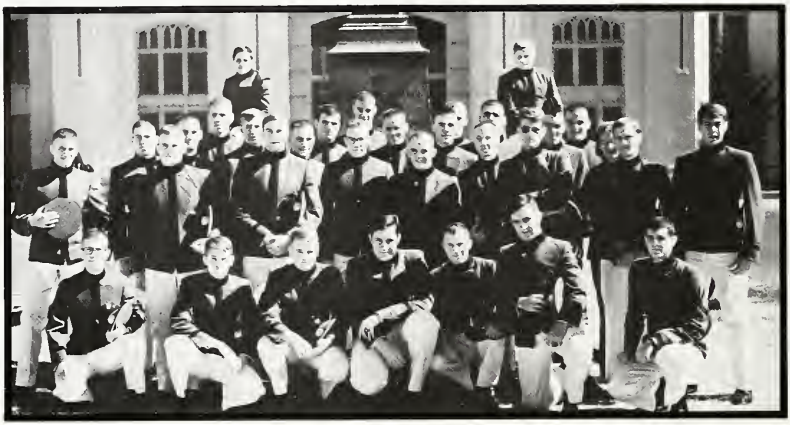


First Row: Barnes M., Kay Smith, Sanborn M., Second Row: Nancy Clayton, Schull W., Nancy Kotting, Bradshaw D., Kerry Leahy, McConnell J., Beth Harris, Suthard B., Janet Conners, Truit F., Lyn Moore.

Every year around football season there's a group of cadets and Southern Seminary girls who get together and form the VMI Cheerleading squad. This rowdy bunch works to raise spirit with pep rallies and cheers before and during football and basketball seasons, at both home and away games. 1978 brought a new crop of girls and guys along with some new stunts and rally ideas along with the old VMI standards to unite spirit within the Corps.

GO! FIGHT! WIN!

Civil War Roundtable



Top: Loba D., Luduca D.

Fourth Row: Suggs W., Snell W., Mathews R.

Third Row: McGovern B., Jennings B., Ditillo J., Thompson G., Keister R., Demeo, Maj. MM Seider.

Second Row: Armstrong S., Loy D., Varga S., Knapp M., Henry R., Quarles B.

First Row: Franz G., Harbison D., Moss K., Lamb B., Budler M., Carty J.J. Dalessandro B., Liddicoet, D.

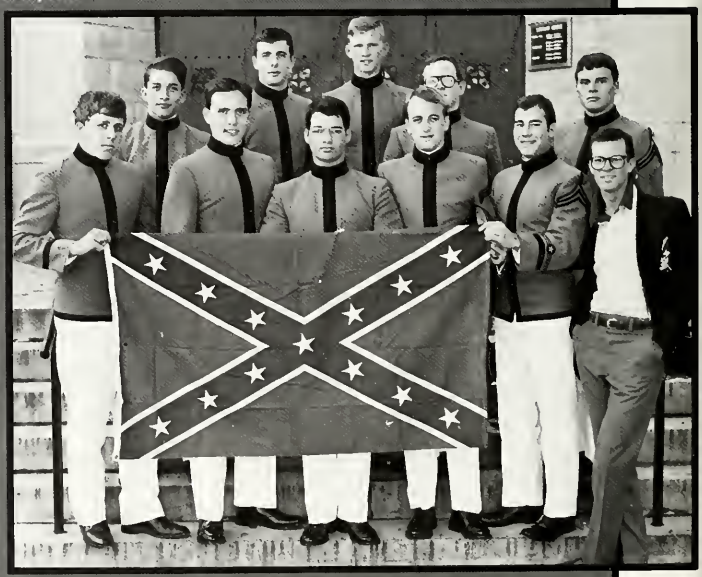
The Civil War Roundtable's purpose is to acquaint the members with the history of the Civil War and its relationship to VMI.

Members of the VMI Civil War Roundtable participate in muzzle loading activities, sponsor a Turkey Shoot each year at White's Farm, visit historic Civil War sites, and participate in the annual New Market Battle Re-enactment held in May.

College Republicans

First Row: Swartz K.R., Taran G. President, Reece F.E., Thomas M.D., Rantis N.S., Bonsignore J., Second Row: Liverance B.A., Johnson W.P., Jaks J.R., Myers G.B., Dailey S.W.

The VMI College Republicans represent cadets in the College Republican Federation of Virginia. This Club gives interested cadets an opportunity to get involved in Republican Politics and Political Campaigns. Cadets gain exposure to the political spectrum of the nation and the state.

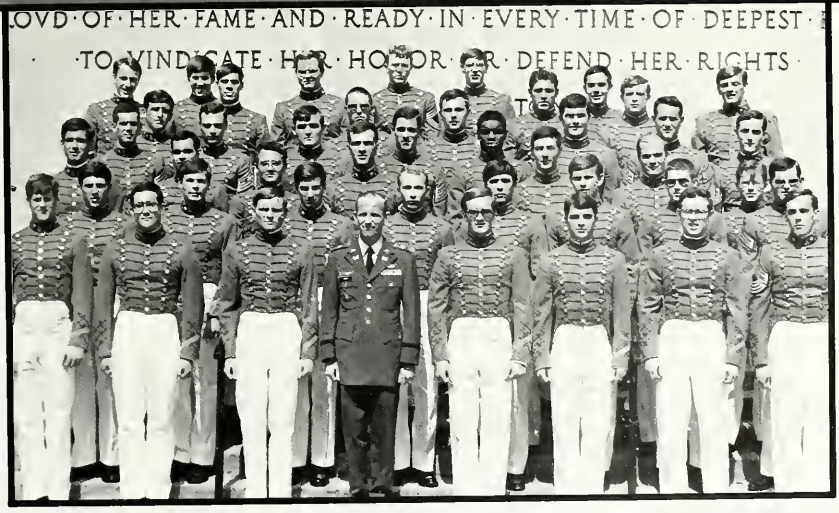


First Row: Kiester R.F., Usher J.F., Wilkerson K.R., Second Row: Stauffer J.A., Bowman G.M., Top: Moses C.T. President; not pictured Tuttle J.B.

Debate Team

The purpose of the VMI Debate Team is to provide Cadets with practical experience in public speaking, research and the development of organizational abilities. Throughout the year the Team has traveled to such places as Drexel, Navy, Citadel, George Mason, William and Mary, and John Hopkins to participate in national debates. This years topic was: Resolved: That the United States Government should provide employment to all its citizens.

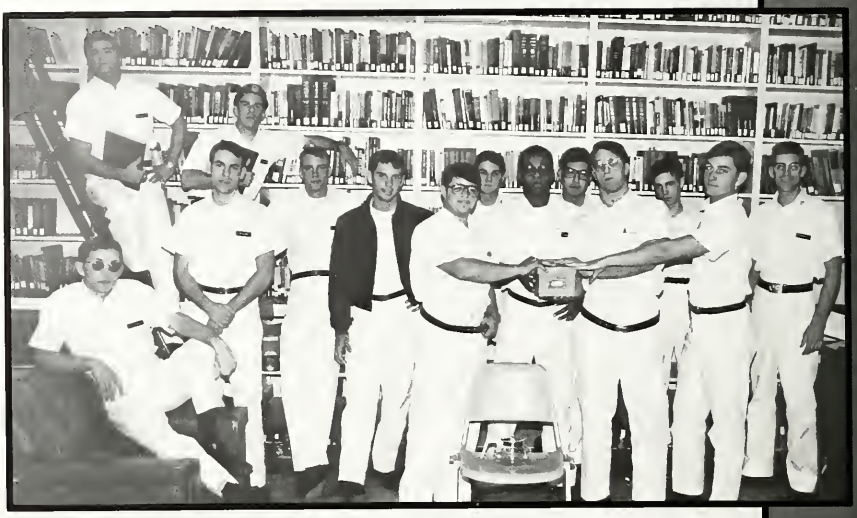
Distinguished Military Students



First Row: Latsha K.L., Zech R.A., Hendrickson R.D., Colonel Edgar, Minnix J.B., Larose J.J., Staso M.C., McCarthy W.E., Second Row: Arthur J.E., Lyon S.C., Cadugan R.G., Vordermark J.D., Callaway C.T., Thompson V.J., Tollie B.S., Schwarz E.M., Third Row: Spotts M.A., Fore C.H., Southers P.L., Norris R.L., Kientz T.C., Graham G.C., Leadbetter J.L., Fourth Row: Rudolph C.C., Kepf N.C., Briggs R.W., Jussel P.C., Jackson C.W., Fifth Row: Pace S.P., Pilker E.G., Ozolins J.G., Bates R.W., Foster J.D., Colonna J.O., Sixth Row: Higginbotham J.H., Maxey R.S., Withers J.M., Gede J.A., Myler C.A., Bartol R.J., Ogg D.A., Lachmanek P.G., Negro E.M., Bookmiller R.M.

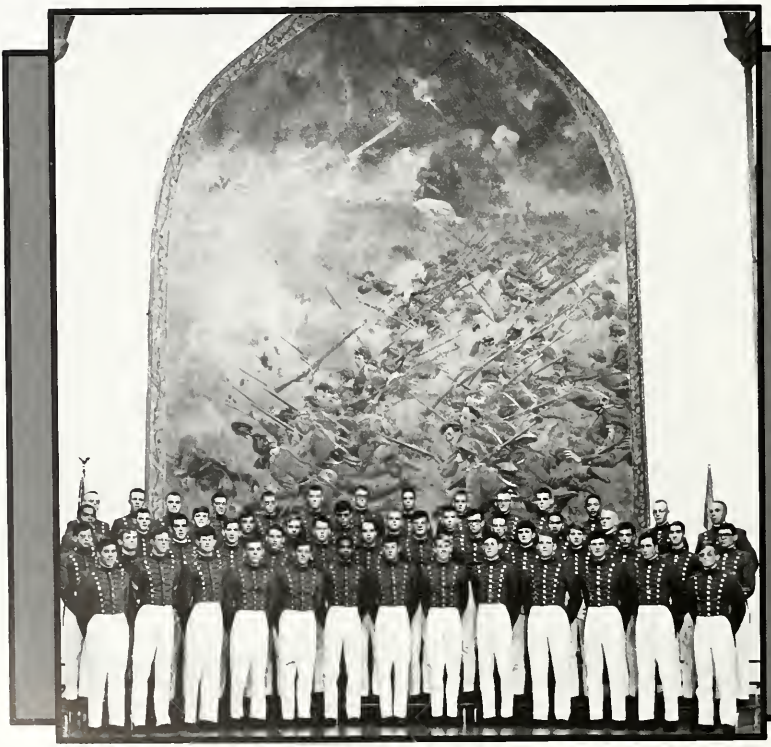
Comprised of US Army ROTC First Classmen, the Distinguished Military Students have excelled in the military, academic, and Governmental areas of the VMI system.

ENGLISH SOCIETY



Left to Right. Titus P. L., Meredith W.M., Rellins M.A., Jones R.C., Dunn W.N., White C.S., Eliades G.H. President, Arena F.P., Alston C.M., Witherow R.E., Corsaro J.G., Leftwich W.C., O'Connor J.V., Smith J.G.

The VMI English Society is a group of Cadets comprised primarily, yet not completely, of English majors striving for a higher level of knowledge through cultural experience. Its function is to provide the VMI academic society with movies, lecturers and other intellectually stimulating activities. In order to better promote its cause the English Society has chosen to carry a rather low profile, so low in fact that at times it appears to be non-existent. As the above picture shows, knowledge is good and can be spread throughout the Corps. (Note: Cadets of the English Society are shown paying homage to the Knowledge Box; Joe Corsaro — Caretaker.)



GLEE CLUB

The 1978-79 Cadet Canaries chirped their way into the hearts of thousands. Unfortunately, these golden throated troubadours had no one whose penmanship could equal their guilded tongues. So, it is left to our literary brilliance to expound their praises. Their renditions of "Shenandoah" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" will long stand as tear-rendering tributes to the greatness and virtue of another day. They serve as an inspiration. So much so, that maybe, someday, they could even be granted pride enough to sing "Dixie".

Hop & Floor

The Hop & Floor is an elite group of cadets who spend six or seven weeks of the year tearing paper and doing the ancient dance of the sugar plum fairy. Then, each night during that week, when everything is quiet and all good cadets are asleep, this group of elves steal into Cocke Hall and decorate the gym.

In all seriousness, the Hop & Floor Committee this year, led by President John George, Vice President Meade Spotts, and Treasurer Dale Drury, have brought fun and delight into the lives of cadets with some new bold music and greater artwork.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

The IEEE is an international organization that helps to bring together, promote, and exchange ideas of these engineers. The student branch at VMI actively participates in order to prepare the students with a more rounded education so as to better understand and serve the Engineering world.

First Row: Borsi F.L., Pauls M.C., Glisson P.T., Konkus S., TenHoeve E., Jackson J.A., Second Row: Fitch C.T., Peacock W.H., Priest J.P., Keane J.F., Third Row: Beeby J.S. President, Schneider H.G., Harper M.Q., Van Wagoner D.D., Fourth Row: Lovejoy K.A., Monnette C.T., Placzek M.J., Vanghan J., Sipher W., Lawson R.R., McCarthy T.R., Fifth Row: Semeia E.P., Munger C.A., Serice R.D., Baron K., Pohlig K.O.

First Row: Letts S.J., Hirsch J.F., Second Row: Clark D.P., Gillespie D.G., Moan J.P., Lowe M.S., Row Three: David M.A., Commerford R.J.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The International Relations Club is an organization for students interested in international politics. The Club makes an annual trip to the United Nations as well as sponsoring a High School United Nations each Spring. The Club makes an average of four trips to various colleges and universities each year to participate in mock United Nations.

LITTLE JOHN II CANNON CREW

This year Little John II was funded by the VMI cheerleaders and advised by the VMI Civil War Roundtable. Little John II is a blackpowder muzzle loading cannon, approximately one fourth the scale of a Revolutionary War period field piece. Little John's main function is to signal our football team's entrance onto the field, the scoring of keydet touchdowns and finally our extra points.

Left to Right: Loba D.R., McCue R., Maxson C., Ramos R., Mikle J. O.

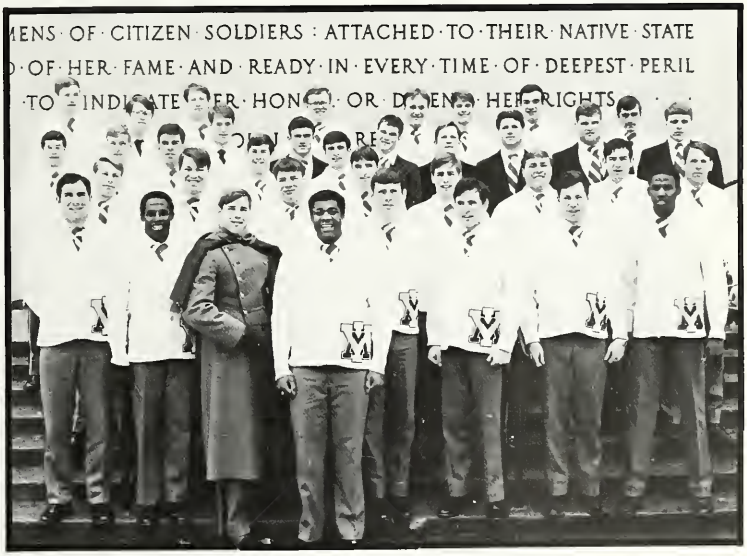
VMI MARINE DETACHMENT

The VMI Marine Detachment is an organization through which cadets who are pursuing a commission in the Marine Corps or have an interest in the Marine Corps may participate in Marine oriented training and activities. These activities include an annual Marine Corps Birthday mess night, the physical training platoon, and various field training exercises.

Cadet-in-Charge: Anthony B. Pais; Secretaries — Peter T. Underwood, Raynond T. Bright

MONOGRAM CLUB

The VMI Monogram Club consists of those cadets who have lettered in varsity sports. The club's function is to raise money in order to provide the entire Corps with varied social events. The most notable of the events are the parties at Zolloman's pavillion. We owe many thanks to the Monogram Club for making the long academic year at VMI a little bit more tolerable.



NEWMAN CLUB

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The Newman Club is the Catholic Cadet Club at VMI. Its membership is not limited to Catholics only. We seek through fellowship with all Christians a better understanding of Christ.

PROMAJI

Row One: Keel, P.L., Weaver G.M., Mitchell D.A., Row Two: Jackson C.W., Bridges T.K., Rolan L.W., Hamilton A.E., Strickland W.A., Horne D.K., Scott E., McNeal G.T., McDew D.W., Manuel C.C., Bush A.W., Row Three: Green C.A., Williams M.L., Conner T.A., Judge B.M., Johnson D.A., Allen F.P., Washington D.E., Bellamy W.H., Byrd B., Row Four: Savage R.A., Dunnaville L.A., Williams R., Armstead A.J., Row Five: Belcher O.F., Odrick A.K., Salmond J.S., Montgomery D.L.

Promaji, Swahili for "togetherness" strives for the solidification for the bond of hospitality and good will between the Black Cadets and an extremely gracious Lexington Community. Promaji will act as a communication body, facilitating rapport among the community, Corps and Institute.

PEP BAND

The VMI Pep-Band was organized several years ago with the intention of linking the spirit of the Corps with performance of the teams. The Pep-Band has met that goal and exceeded it. The Pep-Band is responsible for giving the Corps the reputation of being the sixth man.

First Row: Bailey J.B., DeMeo J.H., Freeman W.J., Thompson G.L., Cadmus R.C., Alford E.T.S. Director, Second Row: Rosenthal F.C., Le S.M., Godshall R.N., Bigger J.F., Johnson J.M., Ludgren K.M.J., Smith J.L., Third Row: Ruzich P., Jones L.C., Costello T.L., Seiferth G.F., Foster G.D., Jennings W.R., Fourth Row: Dahlinger M.A., Stack J.D., Nivison W., Loduca D.P.

PRE LAW SOCIETY

First Row: Lyon S.C. Pres., Dr. Burgess, Boyd C.R., Second Row: McCarthy W.E., White C.S., Caplice J.J., Spotts M.A., Virtue J.G., Legere R.A., Southers P.L., Hupertz I.R., Third Row: Tabb E.R., Sweeney D.B., Williams J.N., Sayre R.S., Horan T.D., Rantis N.S.

The Pre-Law Society exists as the only organization that is designed to aid cadets to prepare for Law school. The Society provides a focal point for the distribution of information related to Law school applications, LSAT's and the Law Profession.

PRE-MED SOCIETY

The Pre-Medical Society is a collection of those men intending to enter the Medical field. It is hoped through affiliation with this group each individual will gain a greater insight into any number of possible medical areas. In order to attain this insight, selected speakers are invited to give a lecture on their particular specialty. It is through these lectures that the individual can gain the expertise necessary to make a decision that will effect the rest of his life.

First Row: Woolwine D.F. Pres., Bieltz J.B., Wellford A.L., Second Row: McCune T.R., Norris R.L., Mecredy T.E., Toft R.M., Herbert K.C., Bigelow E.L., Third Row: Snyder H.B., Gillespie, D.G., Moschler R.F., Colonna J.C., Wooddell W.S., Foster J.D., Smith J.P., Aigner L.B.

PUB BOARD

The purpose of the Publications Board is to supervise all operations of the VMI *Bomb*, the *Bullet*, the *Cadet*, the *Sounding Brass*, and other such publications of the Corps of Cadets as may be approved by the Superintendent. It seeks to assume the adherence of these publications to the Publication Board Policy. Supervision includes both staffing and financial activities to insure continuity and that the publishers will be responsive to the concerns of the VMI community and seek to exemplify the highest journalistic and financial responsibilities.

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VMI RANGER PLATOON

First Row: Cody S.K., McDonald W.J., Harbison D.A., Henry R.T., Butler D.C., Gallagher D.K., Reece F.E., Second Row: Butler D.L., Shifflette M.J., Lewis J.D., Podo H.H., McBroom J.S., Hickey J.B., Pilker E.G., St. Pierre H.M., Third Row: Tollie B.S., Kopelman D.H., Montgomery R.B., Burrell C.A., Goewey J.H., Belden T A., Chipley C.L.

The VMI Ranger Platoon has the mission of training those cadets who are interested in furthering their military skills, military education, and their own personal physical fitness. The Ranger Program at VMI prepares these men who are interested in attending the US Army's Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Some activities the Rangers participate in are land navigation, survival, weapons familiarization, day and night operations, air assault operations, river operations, and hand-to-hand combat training. The Rangers training ends in an annual three day FTX. During this endurance FTX, those cadets eligible for Ranger School are evaluated and if they have met all of the qualifications they are rewarded with the privilege of attending Ranger School that summer. "Ranger Lead the Way"

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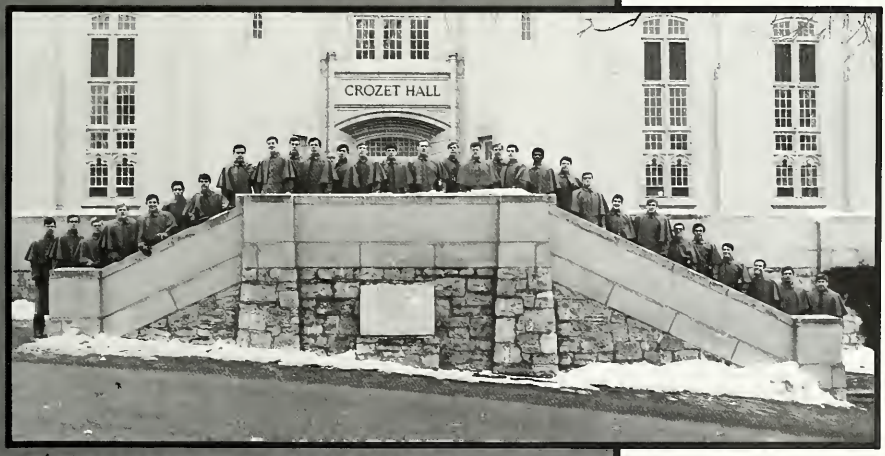


The Society of American Military Engineers sponsor guest speakers and field trips. The Club is an extension of the members' interest in military engineering. The Society enables its members to become more familiar with the role of Civil Engineering in the Military.

VMI SKI CLUB

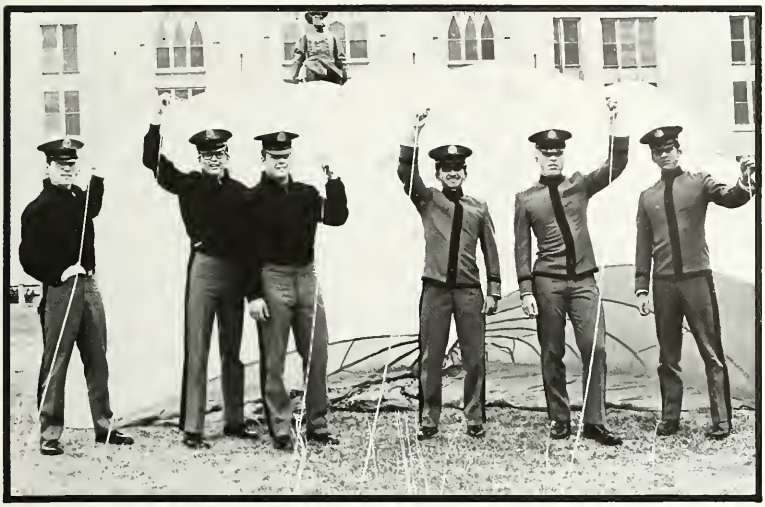
The VMI Ski Club was organized to give interested cadets a chance to attempt the wintery sport. Many cadets have been seen on the slopes skiing their way into the hearts of many "passers-by". The ski club has given those eligible interested cadets a chance to ski during the weekends and weeknights. A great time is to be had by all when the boots hit the binders.

SOCIETY OF YOUNG ECONOMISTS

Left to Right: Liverance B.A., Lumpkin F.F., Caplice J.J., Hupertz L.R., Leavitt J.E. Pres., Sachs C.W., Thomas M.D., Kailey J.A.

Though open to all majors, the Society was created to develop a better rapport between the upper three classes of Economics Majors. The activities in which the Society engages are for providing a climate for the development of this rapport, and for developing an appreciation for economics. Only two years old, the Society needs more support from the students within the department.

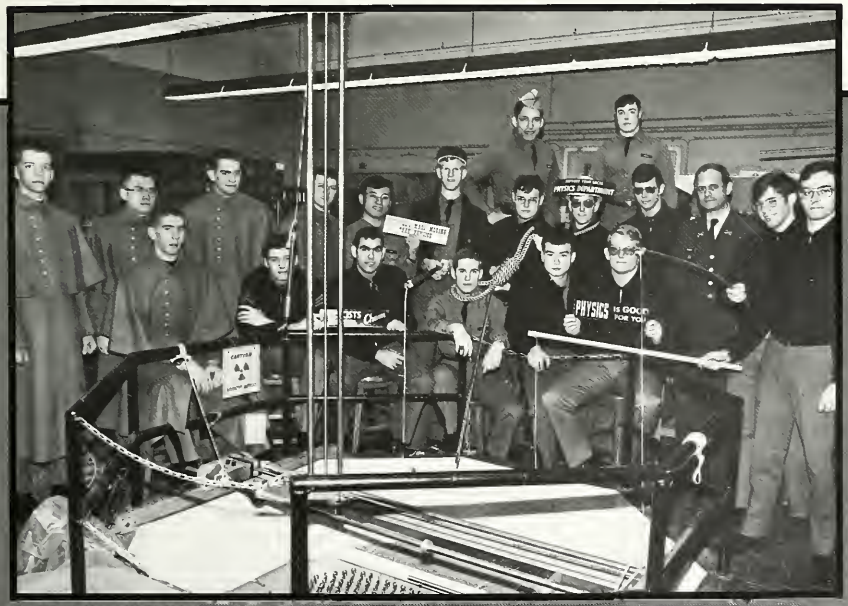
SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB



The VMI Sport Parachute Club provides cadets the opportunity to learn the art of free fall parachuting. The Club makes several trips a year to Dublin, Virginia for training and jumping. These free weekends are full of parachuting by day and partying by night.

Left to Right: Shedd T.G., Ott M.J., Winkler F.D., Pres., Mahan H.A., Loefstedt A.B., Kopelman D.H.

SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS



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The purpose of this organization is to encourage student interest and student participation in Physics and closely related disciplines. Membership in SPS is not confined to physics majors but is open to all individuals who are interested in physics. The SPS has, within its framework, the physics honor society, and Sigma Pi Sigma. Membership in Sigma Pi Sigma is based upon character and academic proficiency and likewise is also available to non-physics majors. It is necessary to be a member of the SPS in order to be initiated into Sigma Pi Sigma.

SPORTS CAR CLUB

Left to Right: Frederick K., Tulloh W., Spotts M.A., Staples D., McCrowell C., Bonsignore J., Myler C., Cadugan R., Vordermark J.

A strictly nonprofit organization with numerous racing events scheduled, every member of the club is a veritable Mario Andretti. The Watkins Glen excursion was the pinacle of our success this year and the finish of the rally to NY was only exceeded in excitement by the nude swim in the Glen with the British Leyland Women's Team. However, the Club is not dedicated to fun times. We are known throughout the Lexington area as contributers to local charity; i.e. traffic court. As the checkered flag looms close in the distance we can truly say it's been a great year. Look for us next year in racing circles as we initiate the Irbeef 500. A race to Sem and back 79 times.

STUDENT GROTTO

The primary purpose of the Student Grotto is to interest and educate cadets in the proficiency of rock climbing and caving. The club has gone to Seneca Rock, West Virginia, said to be one of the best climbing spots in the area. In addition, the Grotto conducts climbing, camping and canoeing trips, as well as the rapelling station for Rat Training.

Left to Right: Kulas W.J., Mayforth G.F., Barger S., Goodwin J.A., Kelly W.P., Lundgren K.M.J., Campione R.M., Reese J.E., Ciarroca K.J. President, Deke D.L., McBroom J.S., Buchler M.H., Ingram T.J., Pears E.W., Hudson M.F., Worley J.M., McEvoy R.A.

THE VMI TANKER PLATOON

The VMI Tanker Platoon is an extracurricular activity for the upper three classes. The Platoon is open to cadets of any service branch. It meets twice a week at White's Farm for hands on training with five M48A5 Tanks. During this training the cadets are exposed to all aspects of being a member of a tank crew and the operation and maintenance of the tanks.

First Row: Biviano C.J., Cordle T.A. Pres., Mitchell T.K., Second Row: Smith J.L., Taran G.O., Blowe D.C., Holloway J.R., Cadmus R.C.

TIMMINS MUSIC SOCIETY

The Timmins Music Society is a growing organization which has the primary purpose of promoting classical music interests within the Corps of Cadets. Founded in 1952, it is named in the memory of VMI's John Timmins, who was killed in action in the Korean conflict. The Institute's only culturally based society, the TMS annually organizes off post functions for the benefit of its members. The highlight of this policy is a yearly trip to New York City. The adviser to the TMS is Col. Thomas B. Gentry.

VMI Theater

The VMI Theater is a cadet oriented, cadet run organization dedicated to providing an artistic release for its participants and cultural entertainment for the VMI community. The theater normally produces two to three shows per year and is available for assistance to cadet activities such as the Third Class Follies and any other theatrical related production carried out by groups or individuals in the Corps. The VMI Theater is financed in part by the VMI Foundation through the generosity of Mr. Billy "Possum" Colonna, VMI '14. Cadets are admitted free of charge to all productions.

Left to Right: Lloyd, W. H., Hesson, S. T., Clark, R. P., Tiedemann, A. W. Kusterer, T. L., Garcia, D. F., Hubbard, R. A., Ronke, J. A., Bryant, P. D., Not Pictured: Forsyth, J. B., Smith, J. G., Smith, J. L., Alford, E. T. S., Cadmus, R. C., Maurer, S. M., Henderson, J. S., Bouchelle, J. S.

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The Circle K Club is the collegiate arm of the Kiwanis Clubs of America and as such works closely with the Lexington Kiwanas Club in various social and civic activities. The primary purpose of the Circle K Club can be summed up as "to render altruistic service to its campus and community".

Although several problems have arisen due to the confining nature of the Institute and its policies, the future looks bright for this community service club. With an organized projects committee to develop specific activities for the club, and a membership of hardworking and interested cadets, the success of the Club has been great.

AIR EXPLORERS POST

Left to Right: Kulas W.J., Capt. Joullian, Durey T.D. Pres., Glynn B.P., Funkhouser R.W., Warren W.S., Keister R.F., Col. Botbyl, Hargreaves J.E., Borsi F.L., Shea M.G.

The Air Explorers Post is designed to promote interest in Aeronautical aspects within the Corps. The Post explores the Civil as well as the Military aspects of aviation. The Explorers Post has gone to Roanoke Airport to review the facilities, and Washington D.C. to visit the Space and Aeronautics Museum to learn more about the history of flight.

AUSA

Bauman B.M., Digby R.M., Silverman R.S., Morris R.C., Gallagher D.K., Zaramba G.R., Briggs J.H., Smith D.R., Fourth Row: Hodge J.S., Lawless R.J., Third Row: Waller J.J., Carter E.A., Hughes J.M., Lowe M.S., Commerford R.J., Rogers H.J. Pres., Carty J.J., Second Row: Harbison D.A., Pearson D.W., Walsh L.B., First Row: Gaines, B.O.

The AUSA is an organization dedicated to the preparation of Cadets for future careers in the United States Army upon graduation. Second semester was highlighted by both the FTX and several money making ventures to make for the phenomenal loss of funds incurred by the first semester movie, and parking tickets received while attending the AUSA convention in Washington D.C.

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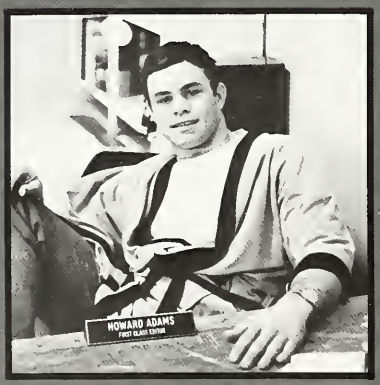

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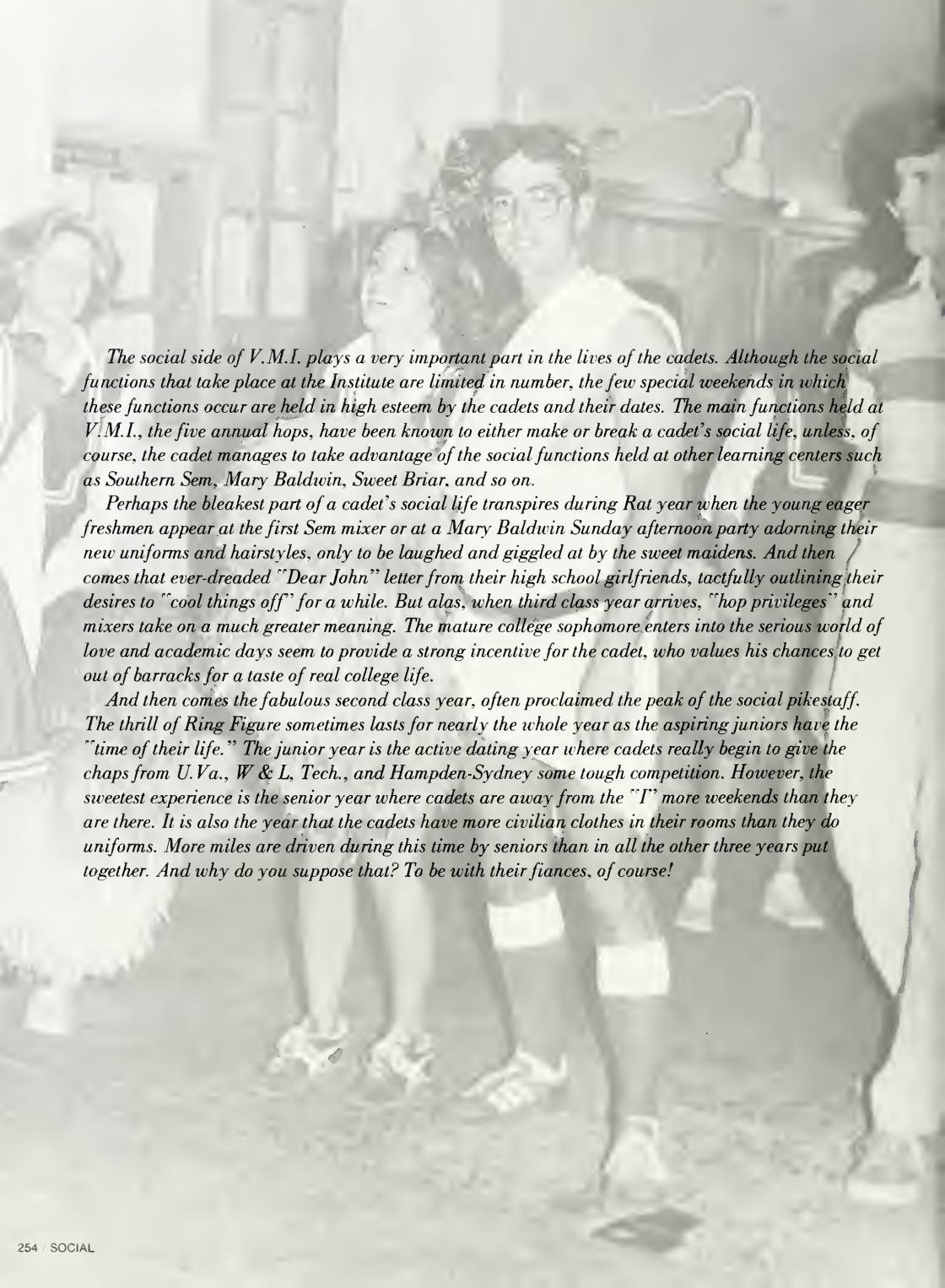


The social side of V.M.I. plays a very important part in the lives of the cadets. Although the social functions that take place at the Institute are limited in number, the few special weekends in which these functions occur are held in high esteem by the cadets and their dates. The main functions held at V.M.I., the five annual hops, have been known to either make or break a cadet's social life, unless, of course, the cadet manages to take advantage of the social functions held at other learning centers such as Southern Sem, Mary Baldwin, Sweet Briar, and so on.

Perhaps the bleakest part of a cadet's social life transpires during Rat year when the young eager freshmen appear at the first Sem mixer or at a Mary Baldwin Sunday afternoon party adorning their new uniforms and hairstyles, only to be laughed and giggled at by the sweet maidens. And then comes that ever-dreaded "Dear John" letter from their high school girlfriends, tactfully outlining their desires to "cool things off" for a while. But alas, when third class year arrives, "hop privileges" and mixers take on a much greater meaning. The mature college sophomore enters into the serious world of love and academic days seem to provide a strong incentive for the cadet, who values his chances to get out of barracks for a taste of real college life.

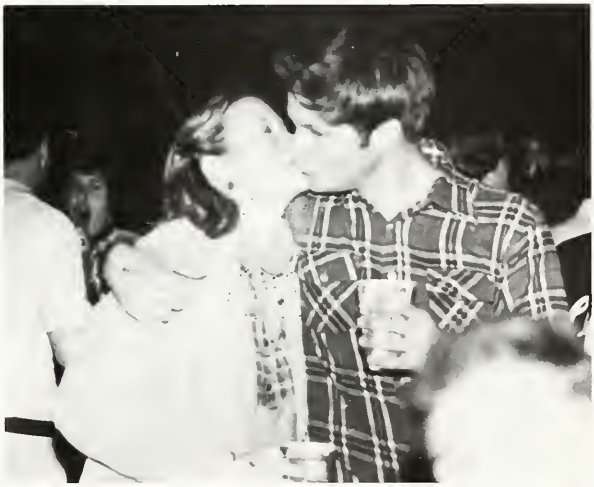
And then comes the fabulous second class year, often proclaimed the peak of the social pikestaff. The thrill of Ring Figure sometimes lasts for nearly the whole year as the aspiring juniors have the "time of their life." The junior year is the active dating year where cadets really begin to give the chaps from U.Va., W & L, Tech., and Hampden-Sydney some tough competition. However, the sweetest experience is the senior year where cadets are away from the "I" more weekends than they are there. It is also the year that the cadets have more civilian clothes in their rooms than they do uniforms. More miles are driven during this time by seniors than in all the other three years put together. And why do you suppose that? To be with their fiances, of course!

"No really, I don't think you look funny!"

Another Saturday night . . .

VMI's Own Frat House — Zolloman's Pavilion

"Enjoying the good times."



A taste of something sweet.

Dancin' to the music.

A chance for some casual conversation.

What a way to spend a weekend! (Is this what I came to college for?!)

Oh, those Georgia peaches!

Those status slips take so long . . .

I love a parade!

Homecoming Court . . .

Miss Patti Welch

"A" Company

Miss Welch, a native of Springfield, Pennsylvania, is a recent graduate of the Southeastern Academy Airline School and is currently employed as a reservationist for a travel agency. She included among her interests dancing, listening to music and a certain V.M.I. cadet.

Miss Mary Beth McDonald

"B" Company

A nineteen year old sophomore attending Toledo University, Miss McDonald is majoring in communications and plans to enter the business field upon graduation. Miss McDonald is an avid photographer. (Would you be interested in a position with the BOMB staff? — Please!!!)

Miss Alice Cralle

"C" Company

Miss Cralle is a seventeen year old senior at the Collegiate Schools in Richmond. She plans to enter the College of William and Mary next Fall.

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Miss Pam Putney

"D" Company

A native of Winter Park, Florida, Miss Putney is currently a freshman at The King's College in New York where she majors in musical therapy.

Miss Sue Chamberlain

"E" Company

Miss Chamberlain is a twenty year old junior at the University of Maryland majoring in criminology. She enjoys staying physically fit and loves to go skiing in her spare time.

Miss Jayne Pultz

Band Company

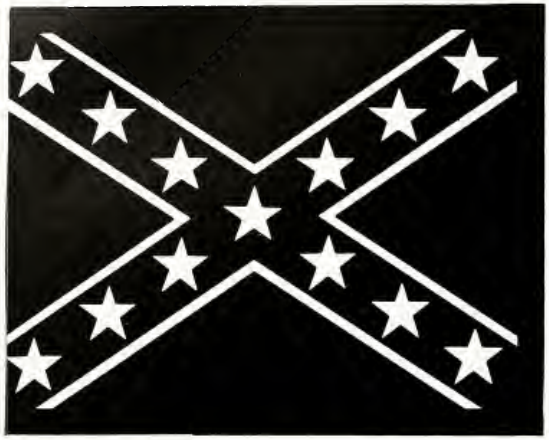
A member of the 1978 Homecoming Court, Miss Pultz is a junior at Bridgewater College where she majors in Home Economics and Business. She is interested in pursuing a career in fashion merchandising after graduation. She is also a native of Lexington with a sole interest in Rockbridge Baths.

Miss Leslie Kersey

"F" Company — Homecoming Queen for 1978

The lovely Miss Leslie Kersey of Roanoke, Virginia is a junior at Radford College where she majors in psychology. Aside from being a cheerleader at her school, Leslie enjoys skiing and camping in the Shenandoahs.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

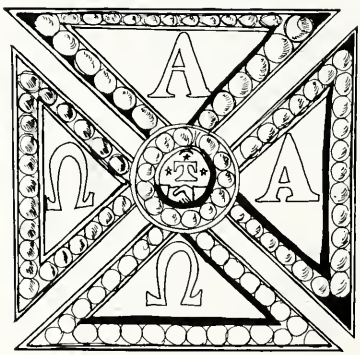


All too often, cadets pass through four years at VMI without a firm understanding of the type of fiber from which their school has been founded and has progressed. Especially true of this injustice is the history of Keydet social life and the founding of VMI's own fraternity and fraternity chapters.

The first fraternity ever at VMI was organized in September, 1865 by three cadets in Richmond during the summer before VMI was to reopen after The War Between The States. The three founders, Erskine M. Ross, '65, Alfred Marshall, '66, and Otis A. Glazebrook, '66, were all New Market cadets who joined together in a common bond of friendship, determined to preserve the great Southern heritage and spirit that they had always known and loved so well. It was actually Glazebrook who originated the thought of a Greek college fraternity as a means of strengthening the pledge of brotherhood among men.

In 1885, Glazebrook, the Chief Founder of Alpha Tau Omega, addressed the Mother Chapter at VMI with the following about his creation:

Historic page has never claimed her for its own, and she lives not in the memory of the past. A child of today, she stands before you to plead her own cause by her established principals, and invites acquaintance by her holy object. Stripped of the tinsel and gold of marvelous fiction, she presents as her credentials the eternal principals upon which she has been founded. I am first to speak of the time and circumstances which gave birth to this Society. Alas' unhappy South, to thy ruins are we indebted for this brotherhood.



Sigma Nu — Founded at V.M.I.

1869, the Sigma Nu fraternity was the third "secret society" to be introduced at VMI, only after A.T.O. and Kappa Sigma Kappa. (The K.S.K. fraternity was founded at VMI in 1867, however its existence was short-lived.)

Sigma Nu initially grew out of a rivalry that occured between the members of A.T.O. and other cadets who were opposed to intensive freshman hazing. Cadet James F. Hopkins, '70, a native of Ripley, Mississippi, was the main figure behind abolishing the excessive hazing and abusive treatment towards Rats. Before entering VMI, cadet Hopkins had served as a private in the Confederate Army with courier duty, and had gained a sense of pride and loyalty through inspiration by the heroic Confederate leaders of the South. Cadet Hopkins exemplified the spirit of a true Southern soldier and brought with him to VMI an abundance of courage that inspired him to organize the Sigma Nu fraternity. Along with his close friends and brother rats, Greenfield Quarles, and James Riley, Hopkins won the respect of many other cadets while still a rat, and consequently organized The Legion of Honor in the fall of 1868. However, it was formed not out of mere rivalry with the A.T.O.'s, but out of a bond of brotherhood founded on love, truth, honor, and fair treatment towards all at the Institute.

Although the Virginia Military Institute is very proud of its founding fraternity that has since become internationally recognized, Greek letter fraternities at the Institute no longer exist. On June 29, 1885, an executive order was issued by the Board of Visitors abolishing fraternities and secret societies and prohibiting their right to organize. The Board felt that due to the notable tension and disruption that had occurred among the corps over rival fraternities, it tended to distract from the overall brotherhood of the VMI system. The VMI corps, they concluded, is a large fraternity in itself.

Today, the spirit of our past fraternity founders lives on in the hearts of cadets. The vigilance of truth, honor, and love continue to reign at the Institute. Many groups have since flared up and flickered out, but the brotherhood of Keydets will never die.

Top left: Sigma Nu Headquarters, Lexington.
Left: Early Meeting Place of Sigma Nu.
Top: VMI's Sigma Nu Stone.

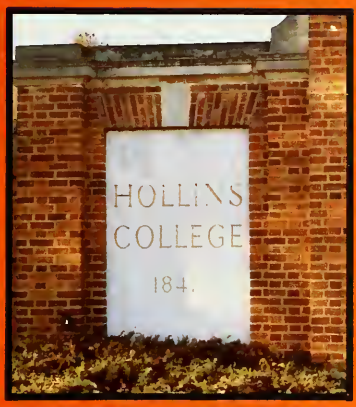
V.M.I. CAMPUS EXTENTIONS

For some years now, the VMI Bomb has inadvertently neglected to include some photographs of its various educational extentions. So to correct this situation, the 1979 BOMB wishes to feature some pictures of the students and their respective campuses that comprise our annex educational program.

The Baldwin Campus

The Macon Campus

The Sem Campus



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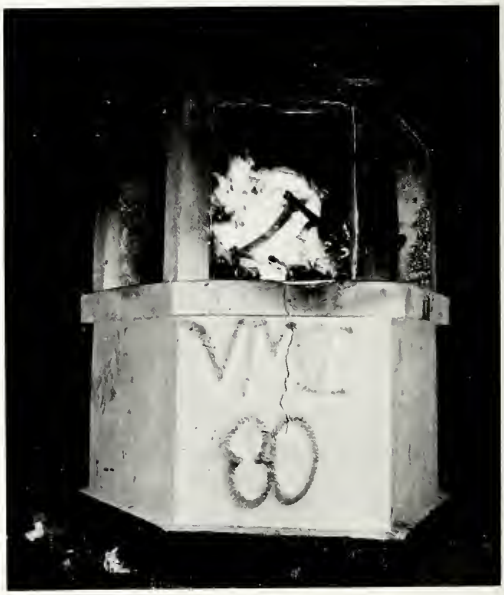
THE CORPS AT PLAY



A TRIBUTE TO "MOE"

Virginia Military Institute survived a half century of intercollegiate athletics before cadet cheerleaders in the years immediately after World War II first promoted the idea of a kangaroo mascot.

The story goes that in 1947 two cadet cheerleaders saw a picture of a kangaroo on the cover of a magazine and immediately got the idea of having a live kangaroo as Corps mascot. The cheerleaders were aided in their efforts by a popular Institute employee, the late Mike Brown, who in addition to his job as mechanic in the laboratories of the engineering departments at VMI, also ran a small zoo on the outskirts of Lexington.

With the help of Mr. Brown, a real kangaroo was ordered, and "Moe" made his debut in the football season of 1948. In his initial appearance before Keydet fans, "Moe" wore a cut-down coatee and a VMI beanie. The animal was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at their small zoo.

With the death of Moe, a second and third kangaroo, Moe II and Moe III, followed in the late 1950's until problems and the death of the zoo owner brought an end to the decade of a live kangaroo mascot at VMI. A dozen years later, in 1969, still another cheerleader stirred the Corp's interest in acquiring another live kangaroo mascot, and after a successful fund-raising campaign sponsored by the cheerleaders, Moe IV appeared in the football season of 1970 — only it was a wallaby, not a full-size kangaroo. Moe IV lived only a few years, and his replacement became a not-so-real kangaroo.

The first kangaroo-costumed cadet made his appearance as mascot in the football season of 1972, and over the years since he has become increasingly popular with the Corps and with Keydet fans who delight in his capers. He dances when the band plays, kisses the girls, and lifts the children into his arms, and in recent years he's been immortalized in memorabilia from stuffed animals to pewter lapel pins.

After thirty years, the kangaroo, now in his second generation of cadets, can properly consider himself VMI Old Corps, a bona fide tradition!

PARENTS' WEEKEND
OCT. 20-22, 1978

Rats, anxious to show off their new hair styles and unique mode of dress, old Corps cadets anticipating that long dreamed about steak dinner; these are the expectations fulfilled during that one special event in October: Parents' Weekend!

Moms and Dads from every corner of the country converge upon the Institute to once again see their sons and become better acquainted with his V.M.I. lifestyle. Treated to a review parade, an exciting football game, concerts and many other activities, this year's Parents Weekend proved informative to the parents, a welcome relief to the cadets, and enjoyable for all!

Freshmen Rush at the VMI Delta House?!

Well . . . you only live once!

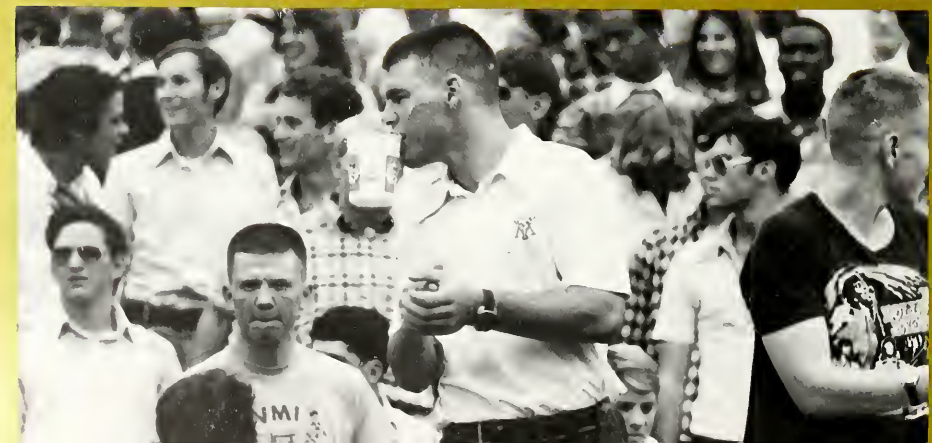
You call that fun?!

Only dust again!

What do you mean you can't come?

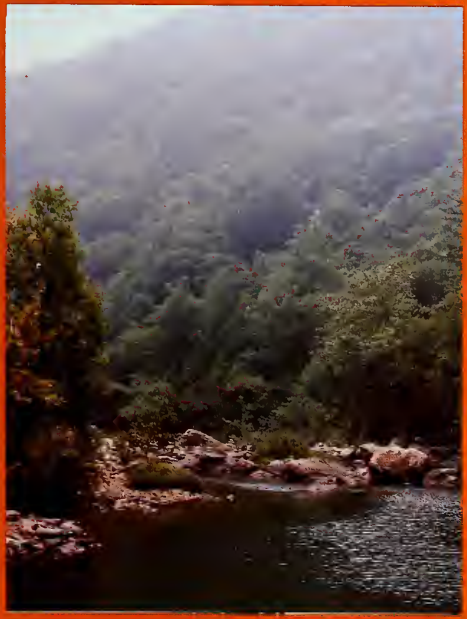
Presenting Ring Figure

For The Class of 1980



Roll out those hazy, lazy, crazy days

of summer at Goshen !



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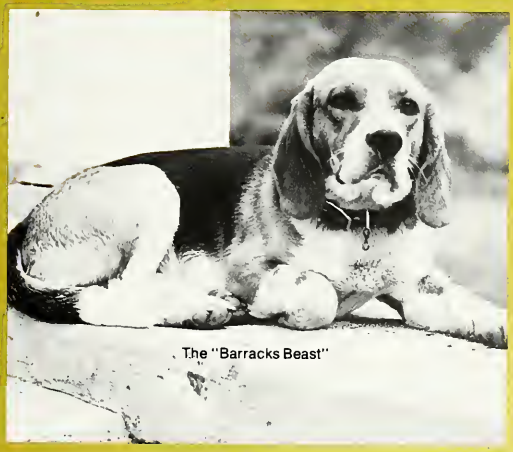

The "Barracks Beast"

Remember the fun we had . . .

at Twin Falls ?

BLOW IN MY EAR . . .

Dance, Dance, Dance, Dance . . .

Keep on Dancin' !

Reflections . . .
The good times,
the happiness,
the joy we shared with you.
To the women who gave us
much needed love
and companionship,
we extend our most
sincere appreciation.
From the depths
of our hearts . . .
we thank you.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

PRIDE, SWEAT, TEAMWORK, AND THE 'NEVER SAY DIE' DETERMINATION MAKES A VICTORIOUS TEAM. WINNING IS ONLY ONE SMALL FACET THAT MAKES VICTORY SMELL SWEET, WHILE LOSING SHADES ITS GLORY WITH BITTER FRUSTRATION. WE WERE VICTORIOUS AND ALWAYS WILL BE. THANK YOU.

— BOB BOOKMILLER

Tri-Captain Dale Ogg heading the defense.

Tri-Captain Robby Clark weaving for yards.

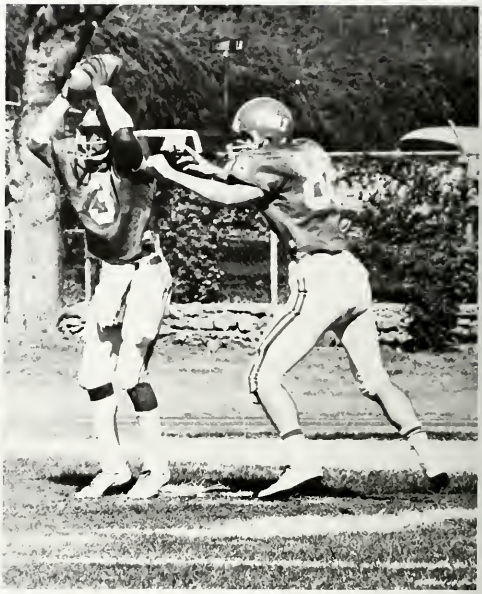
Head Coach Bob Thalman: Strategy!

Tri-Captain Bob Bookmiller.

The cheerleaders show their spirit.

Defensive standout Gary McNeal ties up Bucknell runner in a fourth quarter comeback victory over the Bisons. VMI 25 — Bucknell 14

Butch Hostetter receives hand off from Robby Clark as he plunges for yards against Lehigh.



Robert "Coco" Savage scores as teammate Larry Williams congratulates him.

"Big Red" prepares to punt against William and Mary as they fell short in an opening season loss down in Williamsburg

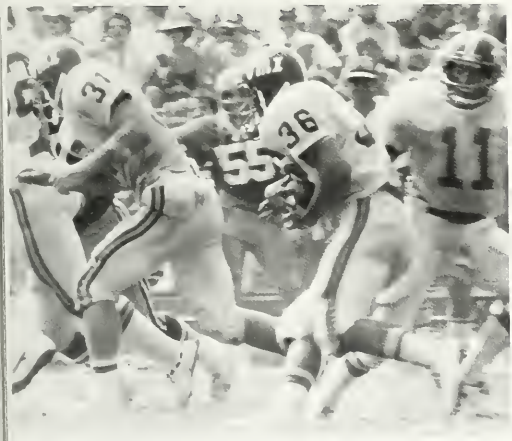
VMI 23

Richmond 6

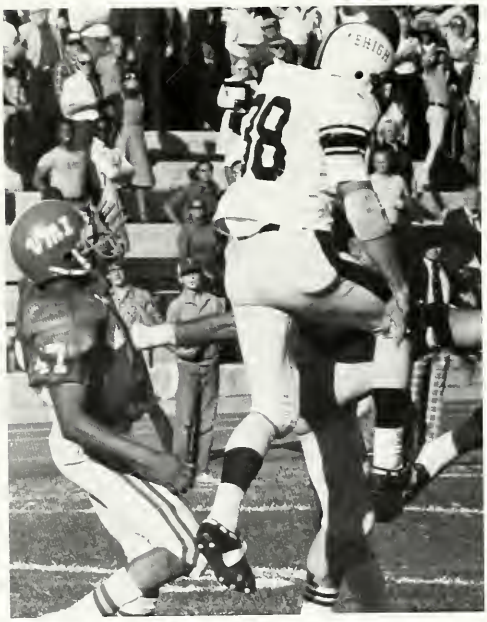
"Doc" Bates puts the crunch on another Georgia player

Gary McNeal in full stride.

Jeff McClean gets set for the "big pass" coming to him.



Mike Callahan rushes for more yardage.



Floyd Allen (47) doesn't know what to make of this play.

VMI 17

UVa. 9

Robby Clark scrambles to a first down to help lead VMI to a tough victory over the "Wa-Whos?".

Lou Darden: Fourth and *BOOT!*

The "Red Machine" converges to crush the "Purple Wave." Unfortunately VMI wound up on the bottom of a 19-6 loss to ECU.

Right: Craig Jone's ability to kick for mega-yards enhanced the offense's scoring potential all year. Here Craig kicks for 49 yards against ECU.

"Touchdown"!

Savage: The Catch!

Clark: "The Aerial Assault"!

The VMI Keydets, expected by many to be a top contender in the Southern Conference, never seemed able to put things together, and finished the season with a 3 and 8 record. Nonetheless, many Keydets had outstanding years as Craig Jones and Bob Bookmiller were honored as NCAA Academic All Americans, and Robby Clark set an all time VMI total yards gained record.

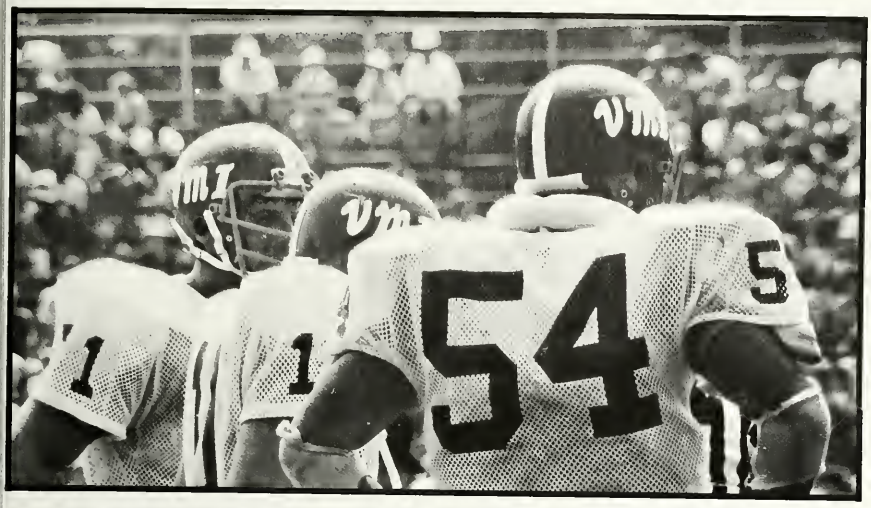
The Keydets opened their season against a tough William and Mary team in the scorching heat of Williamsburg. Losing 10 to 3, the Keydets unproven defense played exceedingly well behind the solid play of Walt Bellamy, Dale Ogg, and Nick Collins. A highly explosive offense failed to materialize and the Keydets returned home, to face Bucknell, determined to prove their ability. Rallying in the fourth quarter, the Keydets defeated the Bisons to post their first win. Finally finding the spark, the Keydets' offense showed its full potential utilizing the talents of Jeff McClean and Butch Hostetter who gained over 100 yards.

Playing without Coach Thalman the Keydets suffered an upset loss to the Citadel, which saw a punt returned for a touchdown unhinge them. Yet the Big Red Machine refused to say die despite a rash of injuries and a so-so offensive effort and bounced back to defeat the Cavaliers before a Corps filled Virginia Stadium. Outstanding play by non-starters Mark McClean, Rick Gilbert, and Mike Eden and a game saving tip by Walt Bellamy marked a great offensive effort by the Keydets.

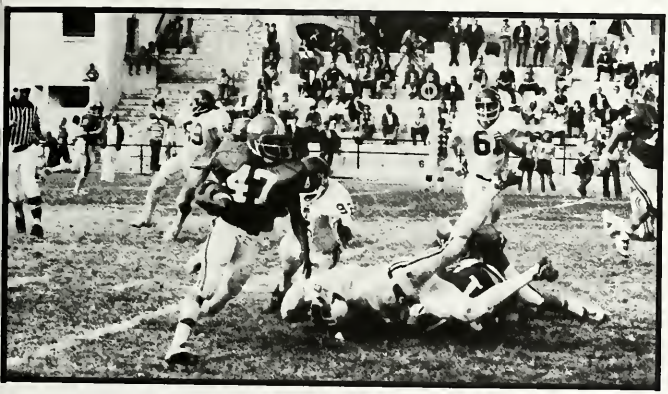
And Yes, the VMI scoring threat. VMI's ability to score inside the 40 helped take the pressure off the offense and definitely added points in every game.

Practice is the key to every sport. Here Marty Fedenko bruises dummy in preparation for upcoming game.

This is the VMI 12th Man. One day it will be flasks and khakis.



Captains Bob Bookmiller, Robby Clark, and Dale Ogg on the 50 with hidden referee flipping the coin for the ball.



Floyd Allen turns the corner for the first down as his teammates clear the way.

Greg Weaver beats his Lehigh defender deep as he moves for the ball in a fourth quarter comeback victory.

Jeff White and Butch Hostetter rushed through gaping holes wedged by lineman John Shuman, Craig Cox, Mark Lane, Al Soltis, and Greg Weaver to embarrass the preppies from UVa. whose best effort proved to be a mediocre half-time show.

Travelling back to Lexington, the Keydets played a brutal contest with East Carolina. In an extremely hard hitting game the Keydets defense proved true to the test. Yet an offensive effort, which saw Robbie Clark sacked 13 times, proved disastrous as the Keydets bowed in defeat.

Realizing the Keydets needed new life, Coach Thalman started Jeff Washington in his home town of Richmond. Proving more than worthy, Washington and Craig Jones combined to push the Keydets past the Spiders and even their record at 3 and 3. Here the season should have ended for the Keydets lost their next 5 games to finish the season 3 and 8. Losses to Lehigh, Western Carolina, Georgia, Appalachian State, and Virginia Tech saw the offense sputter as cries of "We Want Lumpkin" were heard from loyal Keydet fans. The defense, playing far above expectations, finally broke under the strain and the Keydets finished the season determined to rally again next year. Our 3 and 8 record fails to portray the tremendous effort expelled by many Keydets and their dedication even in the face of defeat served as an example to us all. Good Luck to the Keydets in the future.

— Jay Gede

The 1978-79 Rugby Season began with a more serious attitude and many returning starters, which accounted for the small concern regarding the teams experience. Led by Club President Thomas Trumps, Match Secretary Tim Ritzert, and Club Advisor Captain William Herdrick of the Army R.O.T.C. Field Artillery Branch, the club looked ahead to a victorious season.

A tradition of winning seasons has always been associated with the Rugby Club and this year was to be no exception. This season, however, the club faced more formidable opponents and an upgraded schedule, which included eighteen matches in the Spring and a few less in the Fall. The club also played in four large tournaments, with the Mardi Gras Ruggerfest in New Orleans, encompassing 64 clubs competing in two days of running and rucking, being the greatest adventure for a V.M.I. rugger.

The V.M.I. Rugby Team is known throughout the country, due to previous years play in the Mardi Gras Tournament. The players are relatively small in size, but the quickness of the backs and the continual hard getting and rambling of the scrum is what made V.M.I. winners. Although the club added much strategy and tactics to their play, they still depended on their conditioning and teamwork to overwhelm their opponents. High expectations of a good season were anticipated and their efforts and enthusiasm this year would be to yield another fine finish.

Ray Higgins hustles down field after one of his many kicks.

Steve Jackson feels the wrath of the Marines as the rest of the team comes to his aid and moves the ball to score.

VMI RUGBY

Steve Klinar stops for a breather between the halves.

VMI's scrum did the job all year, here it is led by Chip Marohn, Rob Maxey, and Rick Wingfield.

Ed Bower takes a hit from 'Tuborg Gold'.

Chip Marohn pulls down one of his many line outs.

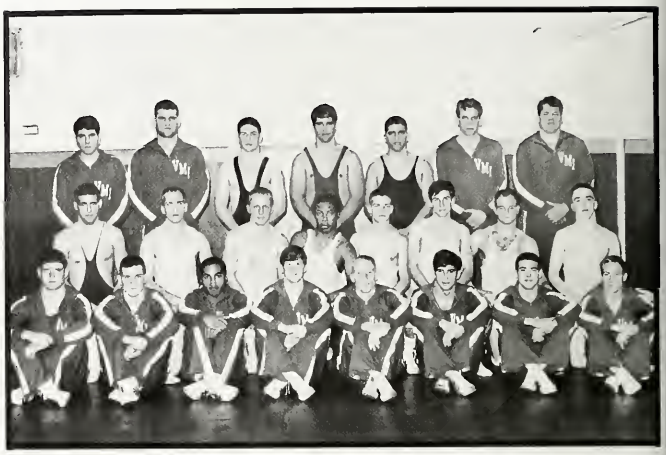
It is only fitting to congratulate the old timers of the club; Rick "the depot" Wingfield, Jim Harrington, Bart Cramer, Steve "the Red-Man" Powers, Mark Cheek, Dale Drury, Steve "jogger" Klinar, Dan Kornacki, Rob Maxey, "Mikey" Oden, Chip "Little boy" Marohn, Tim Ritzert, Staff Taylor, Jeff "bass" Basilotta, Ed Bower, Tom "devil boy" Trumps, Ray Higgins, Steve "action" Jackson, Mac Curtis, Rick "stretch" Pugh, and Mike Burton, who, for years, have experienced the administration's wrath, Hampden-Sydney, numerous injuries, Tuckers Street, the party van, great partying, and fantastic Rucking. Special thanks to Chip 'n' Dale and Eddie "B" for kicking 'donkey'.

— T. Trumps

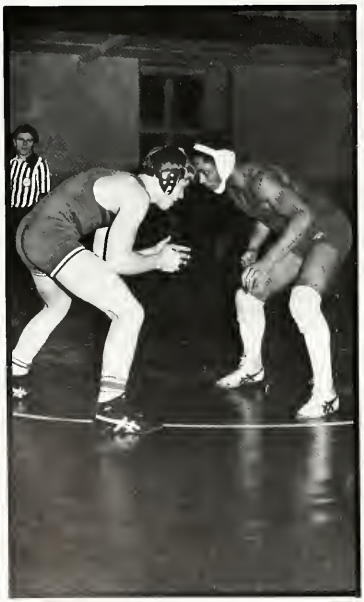
WRESTLING

VMI's new wrestling coach, Ike Sherlock, has restored a positive winning attitude which has guided his wrestlers to a very successful season. The youthful team has performed extremely well in many exciting dual meets. The team's success is reflected by the reestablished corps-wide interest in the sport. This season also marks the first year for scholarship wrestlers, which gives an excellent indication for a successful future for VMI wrestling.

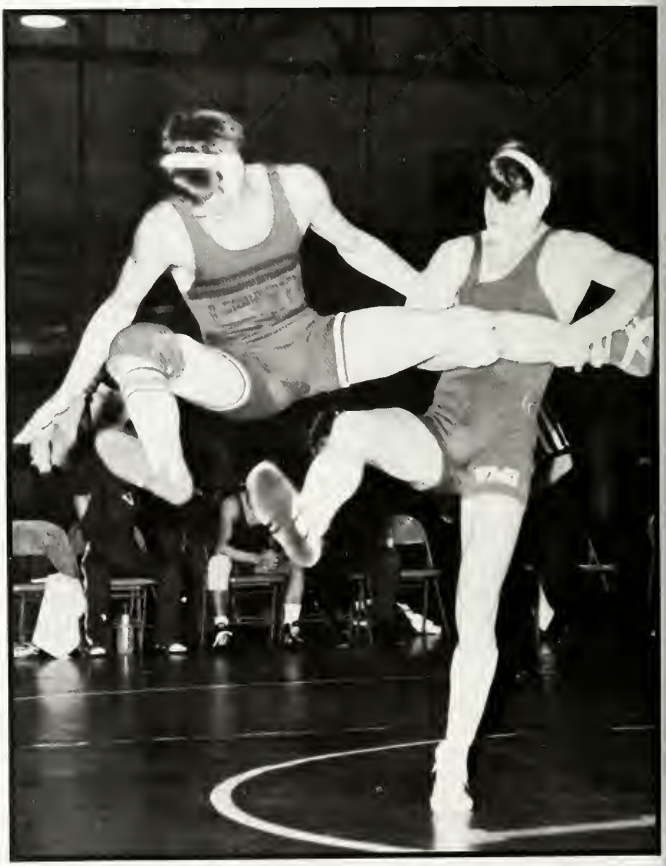
Senior Co-Captain Joe Jenkins has done his usual outstanding job all year and now looks for a Southern Conference Championship, hence a NCAA Tournament berth. Second classman John Hall and third classman Mark Brumenshenkel have been big winners for the Keydets. Mark won the gold in the W & L Invitational in December. Cameron Manuel finished third in the State Meet, and Tom Appleton brought the crowd to their feet when he pinned his Campbell opponent in the "Pit."



First Row: Mark Brumenshenkel, Pete Piotrowski, C. Manuel, Co-Captain — Kirk Latsha, J. Edwards, C. Wilson, R. Mizusawa, Co-Captain — Joe Jenkins, Second Row: R. Reisch, E. Walsh, R. Taber, M. Smith, W. Minnix, T. Cook, L. Camper, C. Procter, Third Row: R. Costello, G. Walley, T. Appleton, M. Hatfield, E. Morales, J. Jall, G. Ivascu.

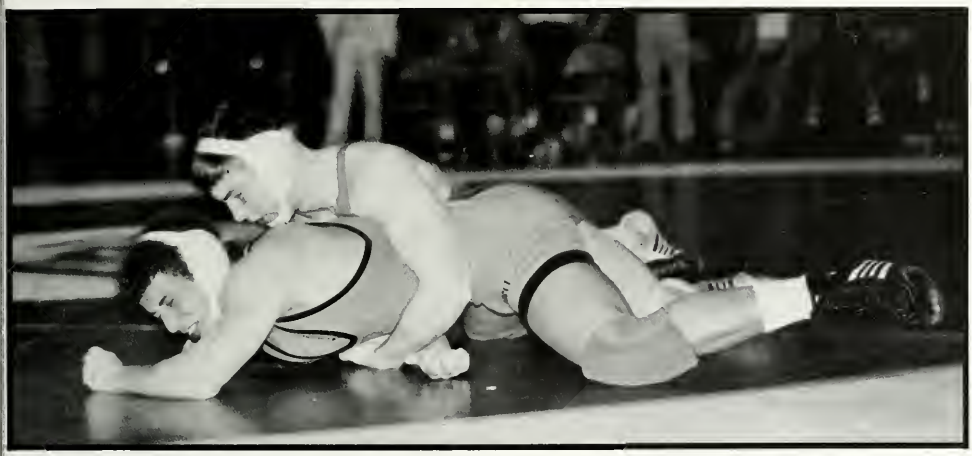


Cameron Manuel cautiously observes his opponent before attempting a "take down."

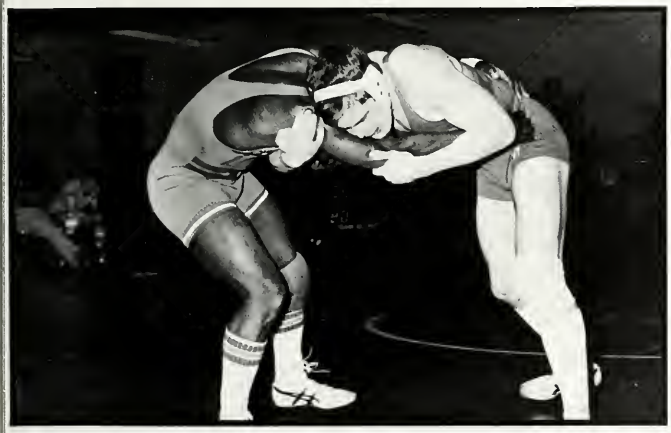


Co-Captain Kirk Latsha shows his victim how to wrestle. Take down Latsha.

Mark Brumenshenkel working on the escape which helped to contribute to his victory.



"The Agony of Defeat." Tom Appleton applies pressure as he works for a pin in his decisive victory.



John Hall prepares his man as he maneuvers for an easy take down.

Landon Camper, a tireless competitor, continues to change apparent defeat into sudden victory. Rudy Mizusawa, a classy performer, shows great potential for the future. Heavyweight G. J. Walley has progressed all season and maybe the surprise of the Southern Conference Tournament. Pete Piotrowski has battled some very stiff competition, and with his determined attitude the victories will come. Other wrestlers who have seen action this season are Tom Cook, Phil Munisteri, Craig Wilson, Charlie Procter, Rich Reisch, Wes Minnix, and Jimmy Edwards.

Coach Sherlock is "Rebuilding a Winner" at VMI. Good luck coach and may success be yours.

— Kirk Latsha

FENCING

The Fencing Team is one of the oldest sports at VMI. This year's schedule includes number one ranked Navy and highly ranked William and Mary. The team will be relying on its weapon captains: Greg Doyle, foil captain; Rick Fowler, epee captain; and John Briggs, sabre captain. With the loss of Tom Yeh and several key fencers, many new fencers will have to fill in the holes. Fred Dismore, Ray Joinson, Jim Waring, and team manager Lee Moise will be depended on heavily. Expectations for this year are high and the team hopes to do well in both state and out-of-state competition. Many hard hours have been put into practice underneath the parapet. The team has improved greatly and the young fencers are sure to become the nucleus of a strong team. The future of the team is very bright.

— Ray Hendrickson

First Row: J. Briggs, L. Moise, President — R. Hendrickson, G. Doyle, Second Row: R. Joinson, J. LeResche, F. Dismore, T. Newkirk, Third Row: B. Silverman, R. Ferris, M. Ott, Song Ming Yeh, D. Blowe, J. Waring, B. Titus.

Ray Hendrickson shows form as he lunges at his opponent.

Team members practice oncoming season.

Style is all important as John Briggs wards off foe.

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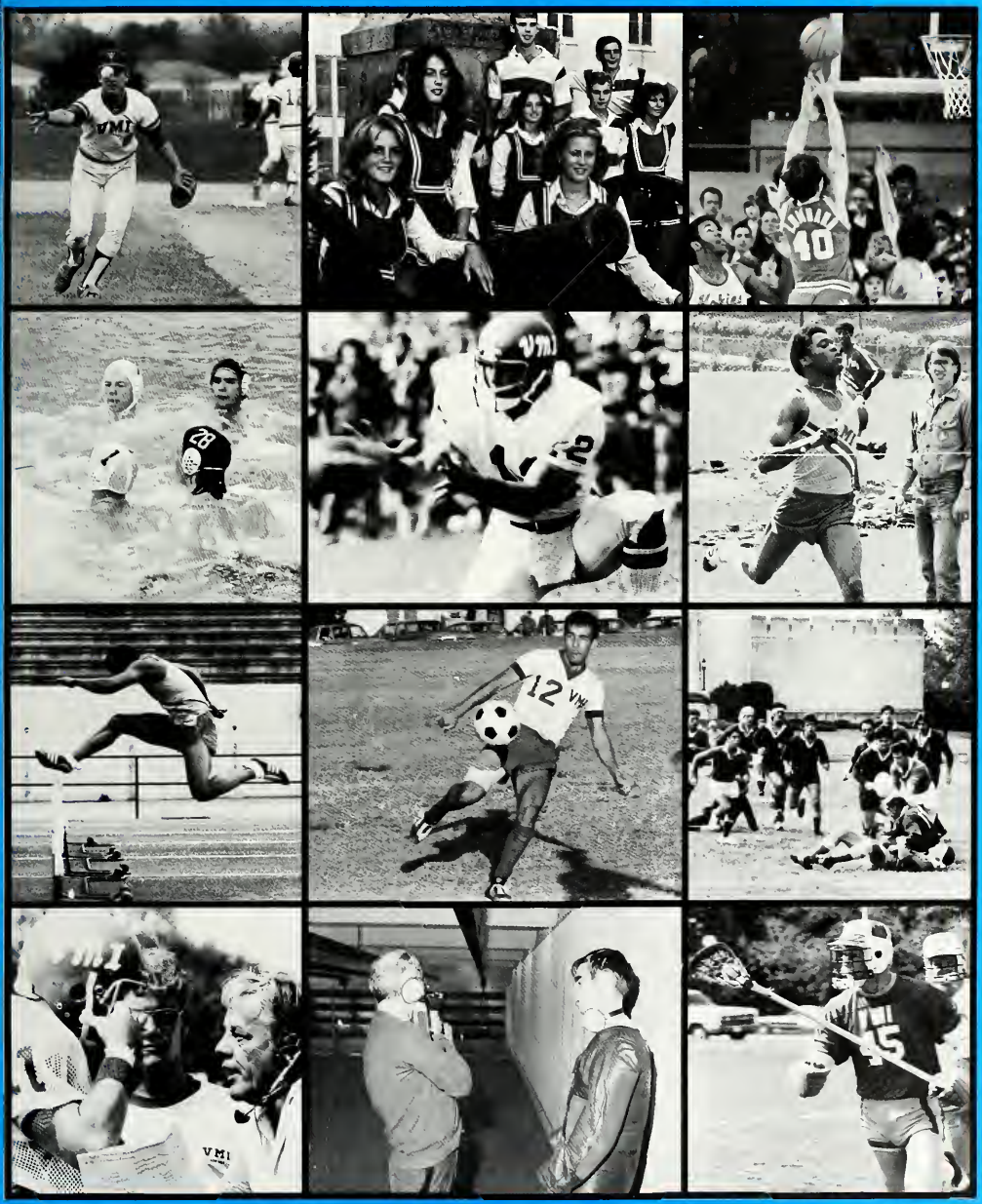

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FENCING

James Madison U.
William & Mary
Navy
Duke
Univ. of Virginia
"The Va. Cup" St. Champ.
VPI
Washington & Lee
The Citadel
VMI Fencer's Challenge

WRESTLING

VMI		OPP.
36	Washington & Lee	12
9	William & Mary	34
45	Davidson	3
19	The Citadel	21
45	Furman	12
27	Tennessee Tech	15
9	Appalachian State	31
21	Liberty Baptist	
18	VCU	19
25	Campbell	19
57	Longwood	0
48	Hampden-Sydney	9
53	Eastern Mennonite	6
20	Richmond	29
18	Madison	23

Virginia State Tour
Southern Conference Tour

FOOTBALL

VMI		OPP.
3	William & Mary	10
25	Bucknell	14
3	The Citadel	14
17	Virginia	9
6	East Carolina	19
23	Richmond	6
10	Lehigh	14
12	Western Carolina	41
3	Georgia	41
10	Appalachian State	31
2	Virginia Tech	28

RUGBY

FALL

VMI		OPP.
7	George Mason	17
6	Lynchburg City	9
16	VPI	3
20	Dan River	0
10	Rich. Area Train. Side	8
30	Tuborg Gold (Marines)	0
43	UVa.	3
14	VPI	12
28	Hampton	0

SPRING

Mardi Gras
Roanoke RFC
Cape Henry
Old Dominion U. Inv.
Wake Forest Tournament
Rich. Area Train. Side
Madison
Alumni

WATER POLO

Washington & Lee
Richmond
Va. State Tournament
South. Water Polo Tourn.

RIFLE

Old Dominion
United States Mil. Acad.
William and Mary
Richmond
N.C. State
Davidson
East Tennessee
Appalachian State
UVa.
Southern Conference
S.E.R.T.S.
NRA Sectional
National Championships

CROSS COUNTRY

VMI		OPP.
38	Appalachian State	20
38	UNC-Charlotte	80
22	Madison	36
27	Appalachian State	29
19	Western Carolina	38
31	Richmond	23

Finished 7th in state meet.
Finished 5th in South. Conf. Meet

SWIMMING

Richmond
William and Mary
Virginia Commonwealth
Morris Harvey
Washington & Lee
Townsen
VPI
Marshall
Appalachian State Univ.
James Madison Univ.
Sheppard
Davidson
Old Dominion Univ.
Southern Conf. Tourn.
Virginia State Meet

LACROSSE

Hampden-Sydney
Saint Mary's
William & Mary
Radford
Hampden-Sydney
Emory & Henry
Georgetown University
Randolph Macon
Guilford
The Citadel
Washington & Lee
VPI

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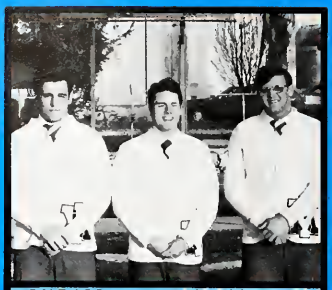

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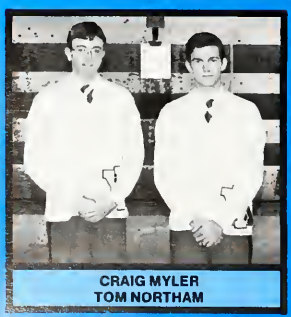

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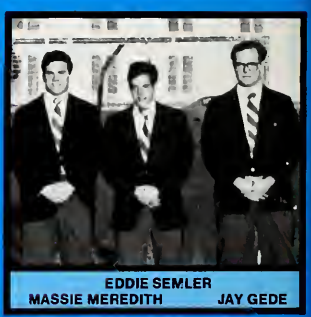

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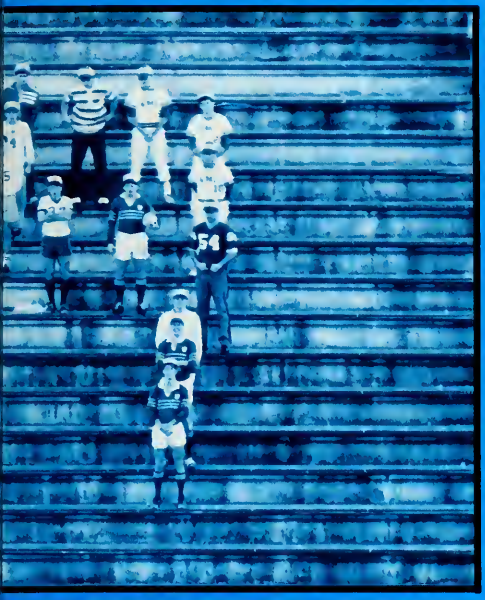

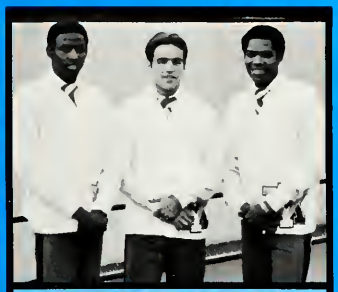

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RAY HENDRICKSON

FENCING

KELLY LOMBARD

BASKETBALL

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SWIMMING

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— Mory Wood

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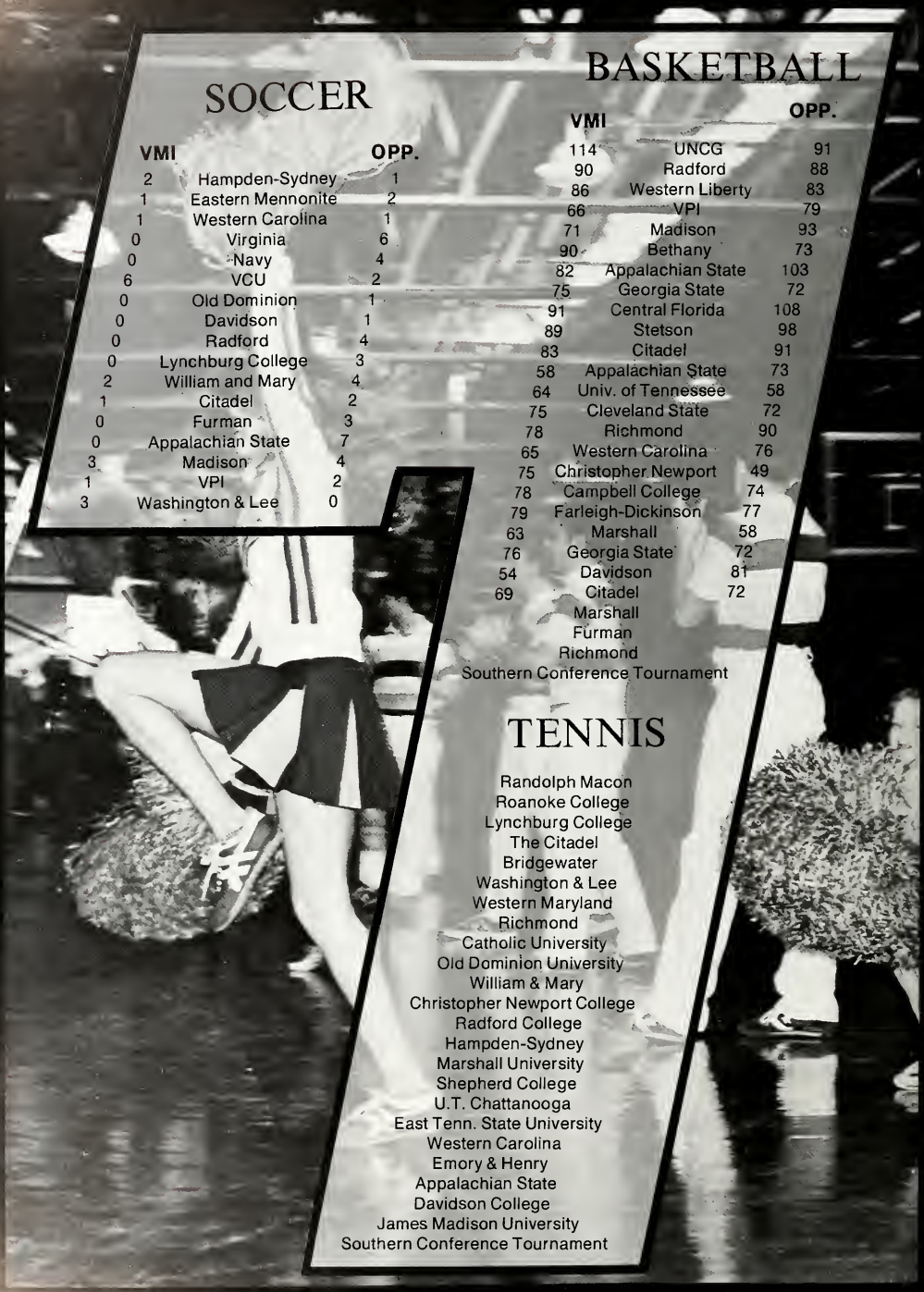

SOCCER

VMI		OPP.
2	Hampden-Sydney	1
1	Eastern Mennonite	2
1	Western Carolina	1
0	Virginia	6
0	Navy	4
6	VCU	2
0	Old Dominion	1
0	Davidson	1
0	Radford	4
0	Lynchburg College	3
2	William and Mary	4
1	Citadel	2
0	Furman	3
0	Appalachian State	7
3	Madison	4
1	VPI	2
3	Washington & Lee	0

BASKETBALL

VMI		OPP.
114	UNCG	91
90	Radford	88
86	Western Liberty	83
66	VPI	79
71	Madison	93
90	Bethany	73
82	Appalachian State	103
75	Georgia State	72
91	Central Florida	108
89	Stetson	98
83	Citadel	91
58	Appalachian State	73
64	Univ. of Tennessee	58
75	Cleveland State	72
78	Richmond	90
65	Western Carolina	76
75	Christopher Newport	49
78	Campbell College	74
79	Farleigh-Dickinson	77
63	Marshall	58
76	Georgia State	72
54	Davidson	81
69	Citadel	72
	Marshall	
	Furman	
	Richmond	
	Southern Conference Tournament	

TENNIS

Randolph Macon
Roanoke College
Lynchburg College
The Citadel
Bridgewater
Washington & Lee
Western Maryland
Richmond
Catholic University
Old Dominion University
William & Mary
Christopher Newport College
Radford College
Hampden-Sydney
Marshall University
Shepherd College
U.T. Chattanooga
East Tenn. State University
Western Carolina
Emory & Henry
Appalachian State
Davidson College
James Madison University
Southern Conference Tournament

TRACK

OUTDOOR

Colonial Relays
Dogwood Invitational
Va. State Meet
Southern Conference
Tom Black
NCAA Nationals

INDOOR

VMI		OPP.
56	Navy	80
75.5	Campbell	66.5
	Bridgewater	16
88	Appalach. St.	51
	Madison	31

Va. State Meet
Southern Conf. Meet
VMI Invitational
Delaware Invitational
Pitt. Invitational
E. Tenn. Invitational

GOLF

Lynchburg College
Richmond
Roanoke
Western Carolina
Kingsmill Tournament
Va. State Tournament
Marine Corps. Tournament
South. Conf. Tournament

BASEBALL

Univ. of Tenn at Chatt.
Furman
William and Mary
Appalachian State
Duke
Citadel
Madison
Richmond
VPI
Virginia
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Eastern Tenn.
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Davidson
Liberty Baptist
Washington & Lee

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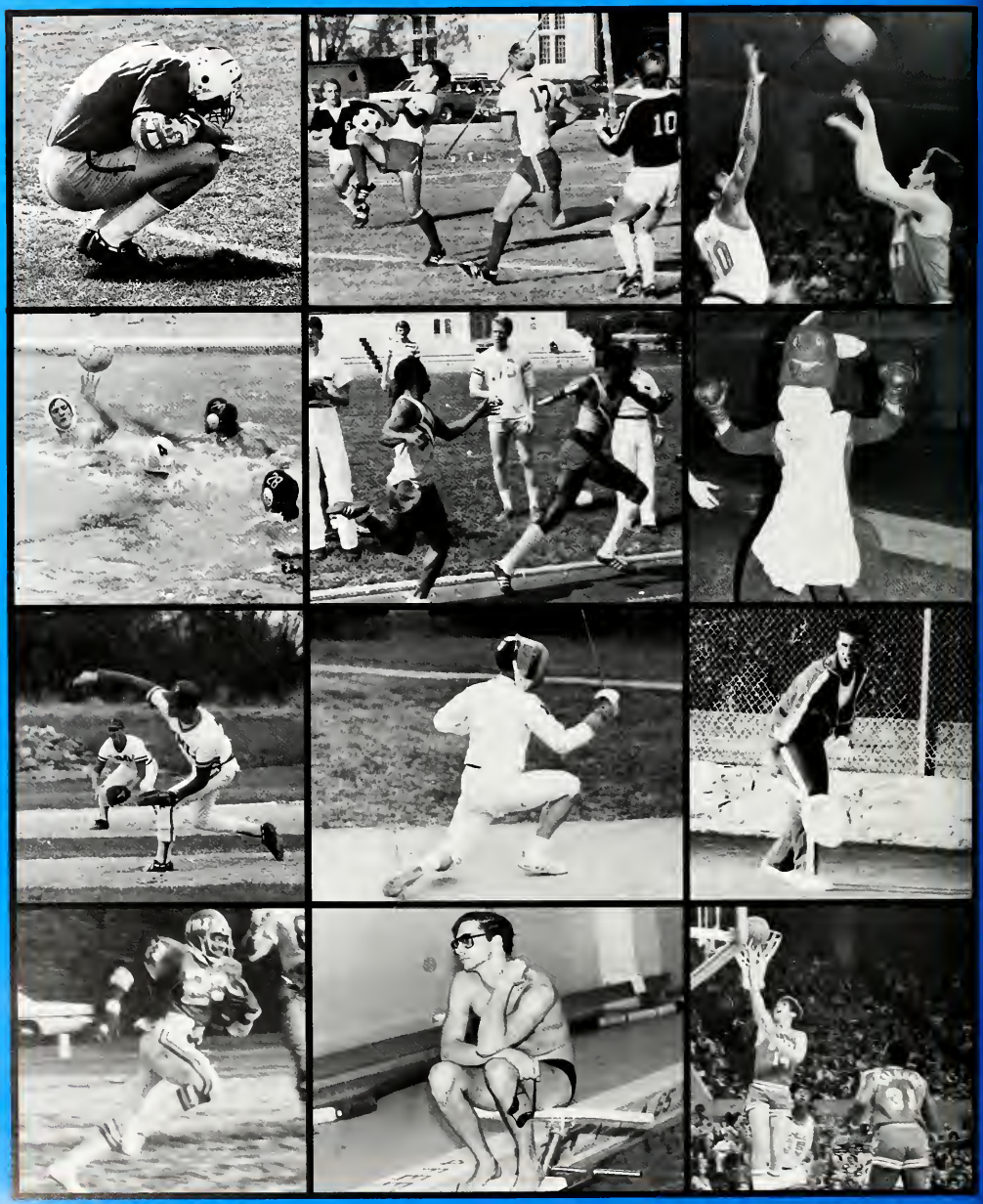

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First Row: J. Dedo, D. Schroeder, G. Marangoni, D. Smith, H. DeMeo, A. Hale, J. Ciol, P. Ruzich, Second Row: Co-Captain — T. Northam, Head Coach — Major J. L. Blackwell, Co-Captain — Cr. Myler, M. O'Conner, B. Liverance, M. Alexander, D. Monjeau, R. Cerper, T. Horan, D. Dillard, K. Uhlig, D. Dutton, J. Adler, S. Gallagher.

RIFLE

The Rifle Team, formerly one of the more inconspicuous VMI Varsity Sports, has made significant progress in obtaining status commensurate with the other varsity sports. Last year the Keydets placed second in the Southern Conference and were ranked fifth in the nation among ROTC teams. The team practices and hosts its home matches in the Kilbourne Hall Range, one of the finest facilities anywhere. Under the coaching of Major Lloyd Blackwell, and with three All Southern Conference selections — Craig Myler, Rob Carper, and John Hughes — included among five returning lettermen, the Keydets expect to capture the Southern Conference Championship in 1979. If match performances meet preseason expectations the team could also advance to national competition.

— Tom Northam

Members of the Rifle Team practice in their Kilbourne Hall Range.

Mitch Alexander sights on target.

"Terrible" Tom Northam fires.

Craig Myler practices for the West Point Match.

SOCCER

Anytime a team loses six games in a season by the margin of one goal, you have to be frustrated. So is the case this year for the VMI Soccer Team. These losses were 1-0 in overtime to Old Dominion University, invited to NCAA post season play, 1-0 to Davidson, 4-3 to Madison, which was the state NCAA Division I-A finalist, 2-1 to Virginia Tech and 2-1 to The Citadel. On the brighter side, victories were over Virginia Commonwealth University 6-2, Washington and Lee University 3-0 and Hampden-Sydney College 2-1.

Graduation losses will be light in number with only Mike Ogden, Rich McGruder, and Ed Semler graduating. Rats and thirds who played an important role on this year's team will be counted on even more heavily next year. Juniors Hamid Saharkhiz and Co-Captain Dennis Quinn were named to the Western District All Star Team. At present time, the Southern Conference All Star Team had not been announced. Saharkhiz, along with Rat William McCathern led the team in scoring this year with 12 points each. Highlighting McCathern's season was a school record, setting four goals against Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond Stadium. Recruiting needs are primarily in the areas of center forward and center halfback. Coach Sculley commented, "We need to score more and take the pressure off of our defense. I feel that adding strength in these positions will compliment our present talent. Our players deserve a better record than the past season and they know it too!"

Bill Stamm and Eric Deschambault combine in effort as Bill heads the ball into the net.

Sitting: Team Captains Mike Ogden and Dennis Quinn, Kneeling: Bill Stamm, Alan McLachlen, Eric Deschambault, Farhad Bigdeli, Tim Dignan, Hamid Saharkhiz, Dave Kohler, Perry Laustsen, and Frank Horner, Standing: William McCathern, Mac Tabb, Mike Burt, Rich Nehls, Pete Foster, Rich McGruder, Clarkson Meredith, Ed Semler, Head Coach Jay Sculley, Gary Morgan, Assistant Coach Doug Duncan, Kendall Avery, Jim Parsons, Tom Albro, Kevin Shay, and Tim Hickey, Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Norb Krause.

Eddie Semler attempts an overhead pass to a teammate.

Rich McGruder makes a drive toward the opponent's goals.

Gary Morgan makes another of VMI's record saves.

Hamid Saharkhiz scored on this shot.

Rich Nehls gets the VMI offense started.

WATER POLO

The VMI Water Polo Team traditionally is a club sport. In previous years the season included several scrimmages with W&L and ended with the State Tournament in Richmond. This year, the schedule expanded to include such teams as Duke, UNC, ECU, and Georgia Southern. On November 4, the season ended with the State Meet held at W&L. Unfortunately, the Keydets ended up the season with a sub-par record, despite some outstanding performances throughout the season. Chuck Billingsley, the goalie, prevented many goals and was complimented by the fine defensive play of halfbacks Kirk Campbell and Rob Bobbitt. Scoring was led by wingman Ted Sweetland and center Pirooz Borojerdi. Rat Jim Cosby scored the winning goal in a tough fought double overtime victory over Lynchburg College. Special efforts were made all season by Mike Sanders, Bill Albro, Delton Friedman, Dave Fiedler, and Ricky Penn. We all had a good season this year and look forward to the next.

— Mory Wood

First Row: Bill Albro, Ricky Penn, Mike Santa Barbara, Second Row: Kirk Campbell, Dean Beard, Rob Bobbitt, Tom Slipek, Third Row: Club President — Chuck Billingsley, Ted Sweetland, Pirooz Borojerdi, Delton Friedman, Dave Fiedler, Shawn Gilliland, Jim Cosby.

Chuck Billingsley generates offense after preventing a score by Lynchburg College.

Pirooz Borojerdi receives pass to set up a score.

Team strategy is reviewed as Tom Slipek sizes up opponents in the State Tournament.

LACROSSE

First Row: Tri-Club — Presidents: Massie Meredith, Eddie Semler, Jay Gede, Second Row: John Caplice, Dave Jeter, Clarkson Meredith, Repeat Gitchell, Fred Winkler, Pieter Nauta, John Arthur, Phil Logan, Jim Ovca, Eric Nost, Third Row: Tom Herbert, Tyler Goodwyn, Doug Smith, Denny Clymore, Chuck Pace, Kevin Canfield, Ben James, Dave Openshaw, Andy Jackson, Steve Brouse, Mark Day, Mark Cierrocca, Cable Potts, Ross Rappaport.

The 1979 Lacrosse Club, led by team Tri-Captains Massie Meredith, Jay Gede, and Eddie Semler, faced a challenging schedule this year. A club sport, the Lacrosse Club faced a full varsity schedule including teams like Georgetown, William and Mary, St. Marys, and Virginia Tech. The Club proved more than able to meet the challenge, with many returning starters and a host of talented new players. The play of Pieter Nauta, Jeff Logan, and Larry Betz spearheaded a tough defense. The expertise of attackman Doug Reddington, Repeat Gitchell, Eddie Semler, and John Gibney consistently put points on the board and Massie Meredith, Eric Nost, Dennis McCarthy, Tom Herbert, and Dave Jeter performed outstandingly as mid-fielders at both ends of the field. With hard work, prayers, and some great road trips, the Lacrosse Club enjoyed another fantastic season.

— Jay Gede

Fred Winkler maneuvers toward goal.

Keydet wards off opponent.

Repeat Gitchell looks for the shot.

John Caplice pivots for the ball.

BASKETBALL

The Big Red Basketball Team, severely hampered by the graduation of Dave Montgomery and Ron Carter, opened the 78-79 season determined to continue VMI's tradition of exciting basketball in the "Pit". Outmanned sometimes, yet never outhandled, the roundballers started the season off with three straight wins. In their opener, the Keydets destroyed UNC-Greensboro by putting a school record 114 points on the board. Sophomores Dennis Johnson, Andy Kolesar, and John Goode combined for a total of 58 points. Victories against Radford and West Liberty State extended the Keydets home winning streak to 34 games and gave the Keydets the NCAA Division I record for the longest home winning streak in the nation.

After a quick start, the Keydets travelled to the Roanoke Civic Center to face a heavily favored Virginia Tech squad. Continual hustling and a cold hand marked the Keydets play as they bowed by a respectable 79-66 score.

First Row: T. Odrick, M. Cristo, J. Salmond, G. Hinshelwood, B. Nivison, H. Niehaus, G. Mackin, B. Banas, J. O'Brook, J. Goode, Second Row: S. Wagner, J. Gill, Captain — K. Lombard, A. Kolesar, T. Savage, D. Conyers, D. Johnson.

Geoff Hinshelwood puts one up as he proves to be a real asset to the Red Team.

Right: Freshman standout Tony "O" Odrick shows his agility as he scores two.

Andy Kolesar lets loose a shot against Davidson.

Tom Savage passes off to Marty Cristo.

Kelly Lombard "bombs" in a shot against Virginia Tech.

Harlan Niehaus sets the Keydet offense into motion.

There is nothing more to be said about this — "Welcome To The Pit!"

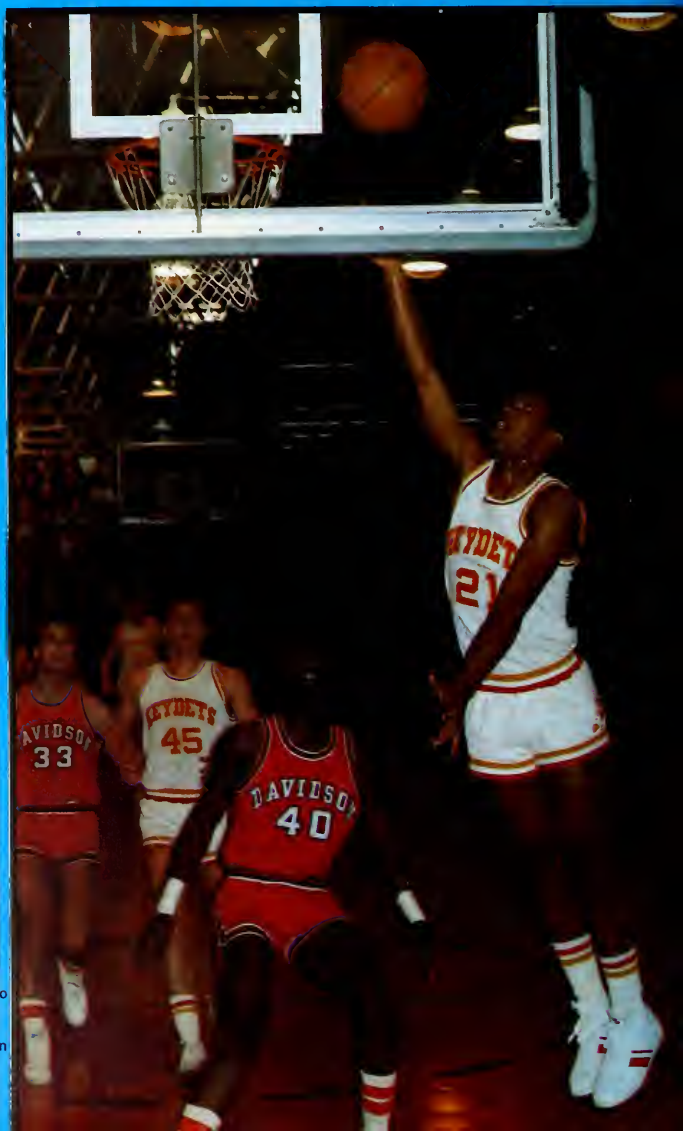
Following a rout by James Madison, the Keydets returned to the "Pit" and proceeded to hand Bethany a stunning 90-73 defeat. The season continued in an up and down trend which saw VMI lose its first conference game to the Mountaineers of A.S.U. VMI finally defeated Georgia State by a narrow 73-72 score to round out the 1978 portion of the season.

Posting a 5-5 mark before the Christmas Break, the season had been one of both agony and ecstasy. The winning of terrific games in the "Pit" were shadowed by serious defeats on the road. Additionally, the Keydets saw their leading rebounder and fourth leading scorer suspended, only to have sophomore walk-on Geoff Hinshelwood step into his shoes and prove himself by scoring 23 points against Georgia State.

During the Christmas furlough the Keydets travelled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the Tangerine Bowl Tournament. VMI dropped the opener to Central Florida, 108-91, in a game which set a tourney record for the most points by two teams, saw Andy Kolesar and Dennis Johnson hit career highs of 30 and 31 points respectively, and witnessed Senior Kelly Lombard set a Tangerine Bowl record with ten assists. Yet, victory was not to be ours as the Keydets dropped this game, and along with it, lost a tough 98-89 loss of Stetson. Returning to conference play, the Keydets lost a tough battle to the Citadel.

Kelly Lombard generates the offense as the mighty "PIT" crew watches and cheers their team on.

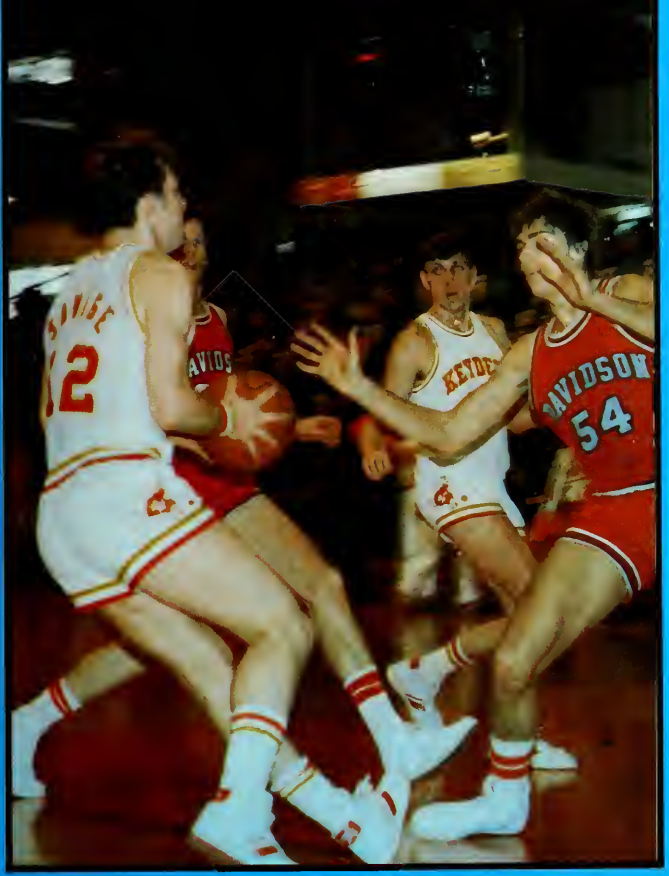
Harlan Niehaus, Tony Odrick, and Dennis Johnson stop to take a breather after a foul



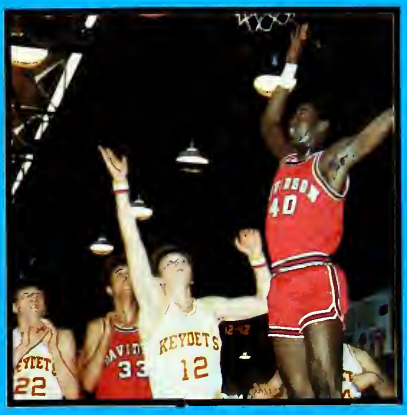
Third classmen Dennis Johnson puts one by on the Davidson team during a [illegible] televised game in "THE PIT."

Yet, Marty "The Count" Cristo, a promising Sophomore, proved he had healed from a bone fracture by netting 14 points.

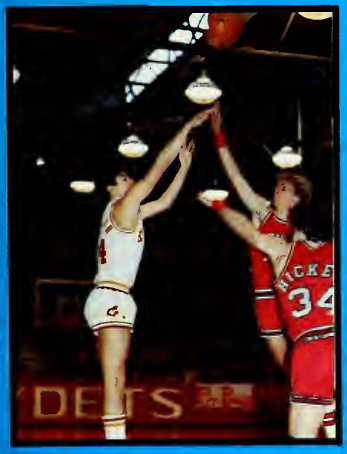
The return of the Corps from furlough didn't prove enough to rally the Keydets, as the roundballers dropped a heartbreaking game to Appalachian State to end our home winning streak. Rallying from this defeat, the Keydets handed the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga a stunning defeat which saw VMI play its best game of the season. A 75-72 overtime victory over Cleveland State, in which Harlan Neihaus clinched the game with his timely free-throw shooting, proved that the Keydets had what it takes to win.



Tom Savage stops to go up for the shot. John Goode anticipates shot and goes in to rebound.



Tom puts it up for two points on an excellent shot.



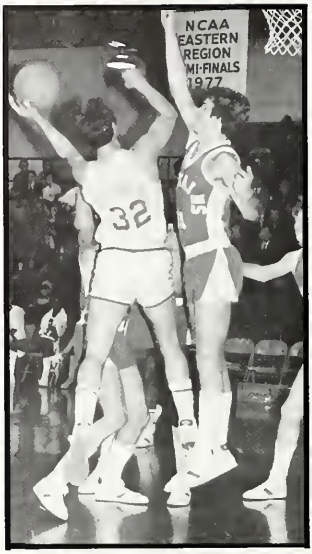
Andy Kolesar up for two from "downtown."

TIME OUT! Coach Charlie Schmaus reviews strategy as players listen intently.

Suffering from continual highs and lows, however, the Keydets proceeded to drop their next two games to Richmond and Western Carolina and then rallying with five consecutive wins over Christopher Newport, Campbell, Farleigh-Dickinson, Marshall, and Georgia State. Having proved themselves, the Keydets returned to the "Pit" to meet Davidson in a regionally televised game. Fate was not with us, and VMI was handed an embarrassing 81-54 defeat.

Coming off this loss, the Keydets dropped games to the Citadel and Marshall, and with three remaining games, the Keydets will need a superb effort to again bring the Southern Conference Championship to VMI.

This season, far from poor, exemplifies the VMI spirit of 'never say die.' Continually rallying after defeats, the 78-79 Keydets became



Steve Wagner left hands one by his agressor.

"Outside" Johnson shoots a mega-shot.

Ballhandler Tom Savage saves this play as he did many during the season. His consistent play provided a good stimulus for the team and will be essential next year

The inside game seemed to be a main ingredient to success as Tony "O" demonstrates.

Marty "the count" Cristo initiates the play.

Sometimes we tend to be distracted from the floor and of course what better way than . . .

only the sixth team in school's history to win twelve games. Seniors Kelly Lombard and Harlan Niehaus provided the leadership on the squad as Sophomores John Goode, Andy Kolesar, Dennis Johnson, Tom Savage, Steve Wagner, and freshman Tony Ordrick gained valuable experience on our admittedly young team. "Never say die" was the Keydets' motto throughout the season and their exciting play, whether in victory or defeat, continued to provide the thrilling basketball Keydet fans have come to know and love.

— Randy Atkins

Team Captain Kelly Lombard prepares to pass. His leadership ability and consistant roundballing will be missed.

GOLF

The VMI Golf Team is looking forward to another winning season this Spring. Experience will be the key to a successful campaign on the links. First classman Dave Taylor along with second classmen Doug Burton and Bob Hillard will be counted on to supply the leadership for a fine group of underclassmen.

The team will be travelling away from home most of the time this year with four big tournaments and several matches. The team will start off in Jacksonville, N.C. with the Marine Corps Invitational, and then come back to Hot Springs, Va. for the State Tourney. Towards the end of the season, we will be playing in the Wm. & Mary Invitational and then the Conference Tournament at Pinehurst, N.C.

Everybody is looking forward to starting practice to make this a very successful seson. With a lot of hard work and dedication from everybody on the team, it should be another fine seaon for the VMI Golf Team.

First Row: Ben McClellan, Bob Hillard, Brad Vanderwarker, Second Row: Captain — Jeb Burton, Kevin Snell, Daryl Deke, Doug Burton, Paul Hartnett, Dave Taylor.

Downtown Taylor hits from 30 ft. Now to hit the 19th and sip a few. Right, Dave?

Doug Burton chips from the trap to save par.

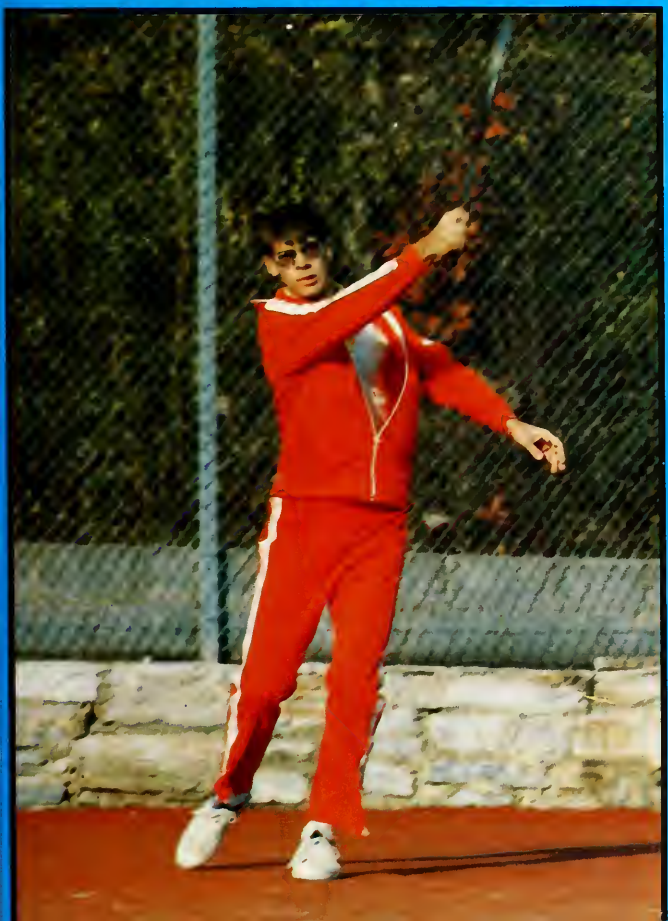
Jeb Burton shows form in the fairway as he hits the green on 18.

TENNIS

First Row: C. Wommack, C. Sachs, Captain — M. Withers, B. Vickers, M. Colgan, P. Cappozzoli, Second Row: Coach — D. Jamison, L. Rose, A. Wright, J. Stallings, G. Thone, M. Gnoll.

1979 promises to be a good year for the tennis team. Five players are returning from last year's team: Mike Colgan, Lou Darden, Jeff Hamilton, Marc Withers, and Clay Wommack. Four new players, all fourth classmen, have made the team and are expected to make great contributions in the future. They are Paul Capozzoli, Les Rose, Guy Thone, and Billy Vickers. Coach Don Jamison has greatly bolstered the tennis program with the acquisitions of Vickers and Colgan, the only two players in the history of VMI to ever receive a tennis scholarship.

Although the team is young, the potential is there, and Coach Jamison expects to have his best season in more than ten years. The season ends with the Southern Conference Tournament, in which the team expects to improve its performance over previous years.



Billy Vickers concentrates on form backhand.

Marc Withers demonstrates a superb forehand.

BASEBALL

For the 1979 edition of VMI baseball, there is good news and bad news. The good news is that almost everybody will return from last season. The bad news, however, is that the 1978 team only won two games.

Coach Vernon Beitzel must rely on some young players coming through as he enters his third year as head mentor. Much work is needed to improve on the team's .202 batting average and 9.81 ERA of the disastrous '78 season. As a team last year, the Keystone Keydets averaged less than 3 runs per game while allowing the opposition 10 runs per game.

Senior Mike Vela, Juniors Craig Jones and Dan Briggs, as well as, Sophomore Jeff Davies will be hurling from the mound in an effort to eliminate most of the work for the infielders and outfielders.

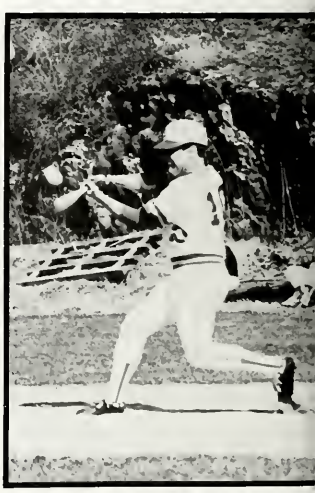
The infield has experience at the corners in Juniors Brendan Miney (third base) and Matt Griffin (first base). Adding experience to this year's team will be seniors Kelly Lombard, Bruce Reinard, and Andy Andrews, who will be shouldered with most of the run producing burden this season.

Kneeling: H. Mayton — Manager, M. Vela, K. Lombard, B. Reinard, R. Atkins — Manager; Standing: V. Beitzel — Coach, J. Friend, M. Lee, R. Niehls, J. Lacher, S. Barger, J. Davies, J. Garnett, P. Davis, M. Burt, M. Vasco, M. Griffin, J. O'Book, J. Frishkorn, D. Briggs, R. Preddy, L. Butler, C. Jones.

Kelly Lombard warms up in preparation for game.

Mike Vela shows ptiching form as he goes into a throw.

Coach Vernon Beitzel looks on from his dugout position.



Andy Andrews scores a base hit.

The pregame warm-up.

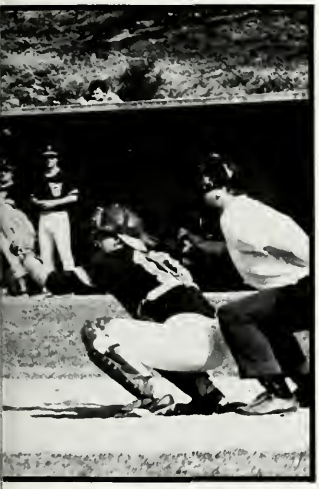
Matt Griffin makes a hit.

Mike Burt pitches during game against Appalachian State.

Jeff Davies shows form during game.

Hard work and dedication are qualities it takes to win. Help is needed from the freshmen, and along with the aid of a strong and experienced coaching staff, the Keydets will turn things around and have a successful season.

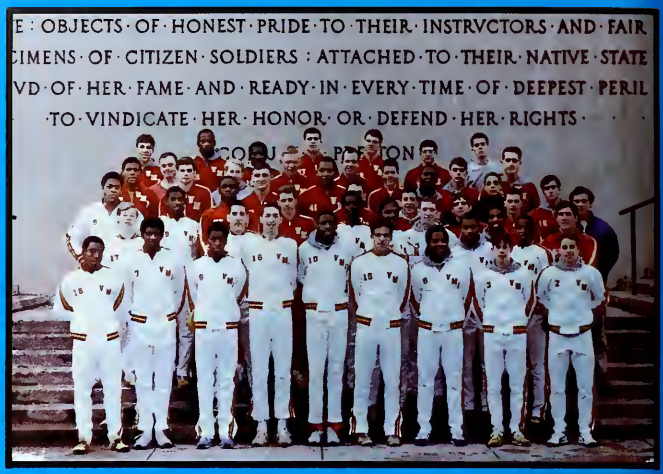
— Randy Atkins



Pre-season warm-up was forced indoors due to inclement weather.

TRACK

VMI's indoor track team had an excellent indoor season, the best in 15 years. Not since 1964 have the Keydets won a state indoor track title. This year that shortcoming was resolved as the tracksters soundly defeated the rest of the state by amassing 65 points. State records were set by Malcolm Grimes (24'8½" long jump), Paul Perry (51'5½" triple jump).



First Row: W. Strickland, A. Bush, D. Watts, D. Davis, Captain T. Bridges, Captain D. Slickenmeyer, G. McNeal, J. Weatherwax, E. Daniel. Second Row: N. Kloster, J. Forrer, M. Williams, E. Scott, D. Washington. Third Row: P. Perry, A. Armstead, J. Washington, B. Byrd, D. Reynolds, B. Judge, C. Southern, T. Novack, P. Keel, D. Wagner, P. McCarthy, Coach Wade Williams. Fourth Row: F Allen, Shannon, T. Helmick, R. Hall, A. Edwards, J. McCrary, O. Belcher, H. Bitzburger, P. Webb, W. Bellamy, L. Aigne, J. Williams, K. Davis. Fifth Row: M. Martin, J. Robinson, C. Green, J. King, M. Eden, M. Sabota, J. Roseme, A. Beckham.

Mack Williams leads opponent in the 600 yd. dash during the invitational meet at the "Pit."

Tri-Captain Tim Bridges leads the pack, as usual, in the high hurdles as teammate Walt Bellamy follows close behind.

Second classman Ted Helmick shows winning form in the High Jump.

Eugene Scott in the Long Jump strains for extra distance.

Gary McNeal, Darryl Horne, Arthur Armstead, respectively for VMI, sprint to the tape with a fine start in the 60 yard dash.

Mark Williams (64.5 sec., 500 meter run), Dennis Watts (49.6 sec., 400 meter run), and Jody Weatherwax (3:51, 1500 meter run).

VMI's Tim Bridges (7.1 sec., 60 High Hurdles) and Dennis Watts (48.08 sec., 440 yd. Dash) have already qualified for the nationals and as of this writing, prior to the Conference Championships, the mile relay team; Dennis Watts, David Washington, Ben Judge, and Tim Bridges, is within three tenths of a second off qualifying. Paul Perry, Eugene Scott, and Malcolm Grimes are within inches of qualifying for the nationals, as well.

Dale Davis takes the backwards approach to scale the High Jump.

Outdoors the thinclads will see lots of action beginning with the Florida Relays, March 26th; followed by the Colonial Relays, April 7th; The Dogwood Invitational (Knoxville), April 14th; The State Meet, April 21st; Southern Conference, April 28th; Tom Black, May 19th; and finally, the NCAA Nationals, June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

With the promising rats Daryl Horne, Joe Forrer, Dale Davis, William Strickland, Ed Daniel, Joey Keyes, Jeff Roseme, Curtis Southern, Dave Reynolds, Tony Edwards, Jerome Williams, and Paul Webb, VMI is expecting great things for the future.

— Coach Wade Williams

Bob Bookmiller with the javalin.

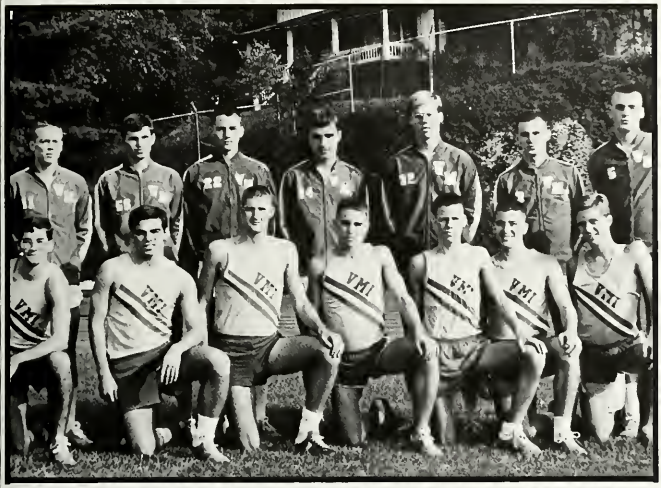
Mack Williams on the 440 intermediate hurdles.

Ben Judge hands off to David Washington on the mile relay.

Jody Weatherwax leads the conference during the steeplechase.

Dave Saunders winds up to throw the 35 lb. weight.

Cross Country



First Row: Mark Sabota, Alan Bufton, George Seiferth, Ed Daniel, Paul Webb, Curtis Southern, Bill Byrd, Second Row: Captain — Joe Jenkins, Jimmy Yonts, Dave Reynolds, Mark Hearne, Nels Kloster, Perry Knight, David Wagner.

The VMI Cross Country team finished a winning dual season of 5-2 in what could be termed a rebuilding year. Rats comprised 4 of the top 5 with three sophomores rounding out the top 8. Good things are expected in the future from this young team.

The team started off with a split decision in a tri-meet with Appalachian State and UNC-Charlotte. A victory over Madison followed. Three weeks later VMI avenged its earlier defeat by soundly thrashing Appalachian State and Western Carolina in Boone, N.C. In all meets, rats Ed Daniel, Dave Reynolds, Curtis Southern, and Paul Webb performed with courage and determination. Joe Jenkins provided team leadership of the highest order, himself running number two and number three man. He will be sorely missed next year.

In the Southern Conference Championship VMI finished fifth out of nine teams. Three of the four freshmen that finished in the top 25 in the conference meet were from VMI. Maybe that's a good omen for next year.

—Coach Wade Williams

Winter weather brings cross country indoors as Jody Weatherwax rounds the curve.

Captain Joe Jenkins before warm-up.

This isn't three rats. Actually it is Captain Joe Jenkins (middle) and rats Ed Daniel (left) and Paul Webb (right).

Dave Reynolds fights for the lead as Ed Daniel follows close behind.

SWIMMING

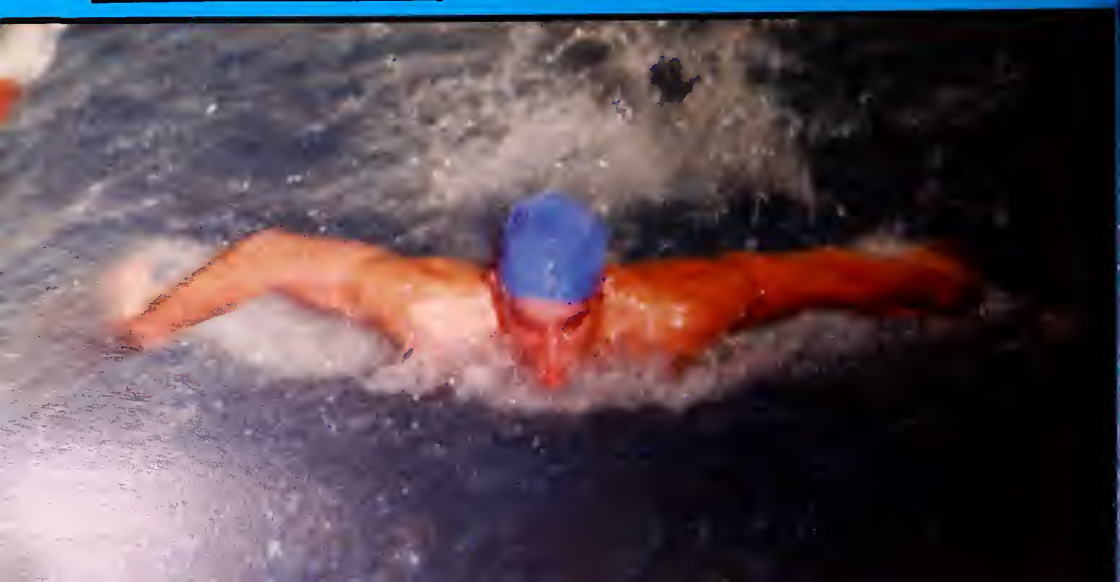
Countless hours and endless laps in a cold pool, where all one can see are the blurred bodies of one's teammates pushing themselves towards constant improvement, is swimming at VMI. This is a sport that draws little attention from the Corps or money from the athletic department's budget. However, to those who participate on the swimming team it is a sport that requires dedication, determination, and hard work.

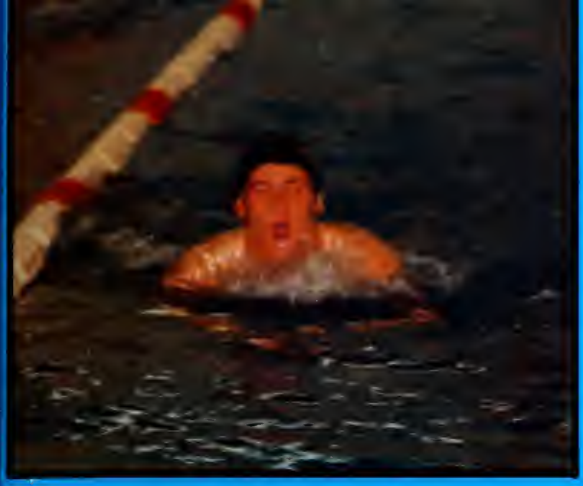
The swimming team did not have an impressive record this year. However, there was a great deal of improvement in the overall times of those on the team. The Rat Class accounted for eight men on the team, and although none were outstanding swimmers, they proved to be a hard working group that continually improved throughout the season. Among these men were Neal Fortney, Nick Roper, Delton Friedman, and Holt Evans who appear to be fine prospects for their third class year.

The third classmen seem to be the strongest returning class. Ted Sweetland, Kirk Campbell, and Mike Sanders should provide a great deal of scoring in the I.M., butterfly, and breaststroke events, respectively. Also providing help in the butterfly and breaststroke is Dean Beard, and Bob Bobbitt looks to be an improving sprint freestyler.

First Row: Danny Sheahan, Co-Captain Bill Albro, Co-Captain Bob Raines, Chuck Billingsley, Tom White, Second Row: Nick Roper, Bob Boyer, Jon Ives, Jim Hart, Rick Penn, Jay Hawkins, John Blankenship, Charlie Kirchmier, Third Row: Dr. Mike Harris, Delton Friedman, Holt Evans, Dean Beard, Ted Sweetland, Bob Bobbitt, Mike Santa Barbara, Ken Pierro, Jim Jones, Mike Murphy, Coach Arnold Joyce, Fourth Row: Sebastain DeAngelis, Kirk Campbell, Mike Sanders, Dick Augustine, Andy Balding, Shaun Gilliland.

Third classman Mike Sanders shows his form in the start on his way to swim the 200 breast.





Third classman Ted Sweetland working his way to finish the 200 breast.

The five First Classmen who made it! Congratulations Danny, Bill, Bob, Chuck, and Tom.

Above: Coach Joyce directs traffic.

Co-Captain Bill Albro strokes his way through the 500 free as he only finished seconds off the standing record.

The second classmen this past year were called upon primarily for Freestyle and Diving. John Blankenship, Bob Boyer, and Rick Penn appear to be ready for a great final year, as do rookie divers Jay Hawkins and Jon Ives.

The First Classmen that succeeded in sticking out four years on the team are Bill Albro, Chuck Billingsley, Bob Raines, Dan Sheahan, and Tom White. Four years of swimming brought constant improvement, as well as, a type of commeraderie that developed through working together. We leave VMI wishing all those returning the best of luck and hope that many records fall in upcoming seasons. Finally, to Coach Joyce, who has endured the many crazy hours on the road, remember us because we will all remember you.

—Bob Raines

Co-Captain Bob Raines at the 200 fly. Later in the conference he broke the record at 2:05.8.

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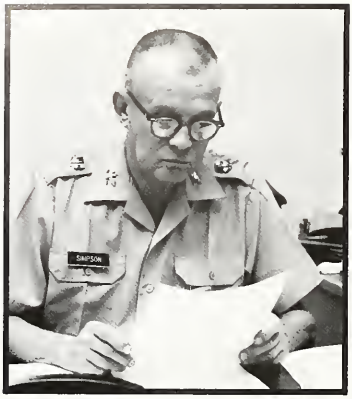

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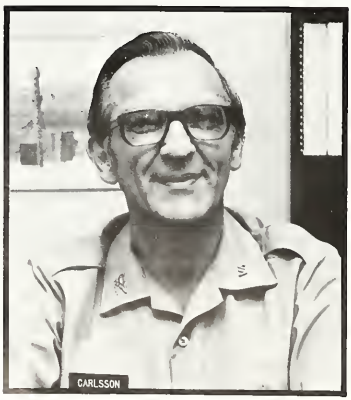

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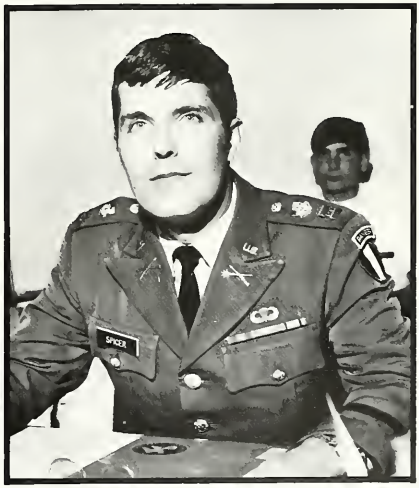

Captain J. G. Spicer, Jr.
Assistant Commandant

HISTORY

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Maj. Mayerchak, Dr. Hadsel, Maj. Gunsburg, Col. Bausum, Col. Barrett, Col. Hays, Col. Hunter, Lt. Col. Davis, Maj. Goolrick, Col. Gilliam, Maj. Wilson, Lt. Col. Thomas.

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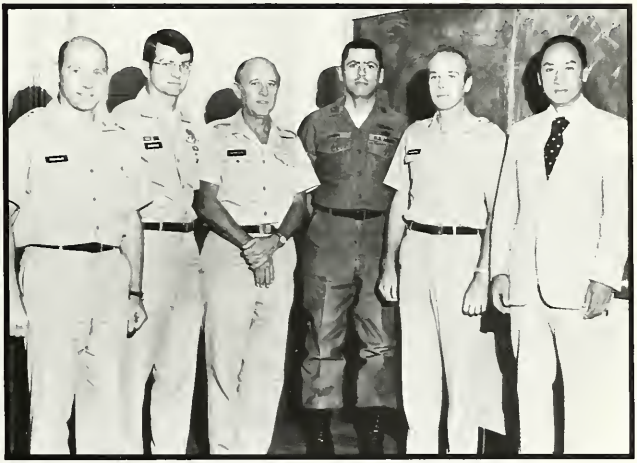

Maj. Margolis, Maj. Duncan, Col. Morrison, Maj. Smith, Maj. Blackwell, Dr. Chang

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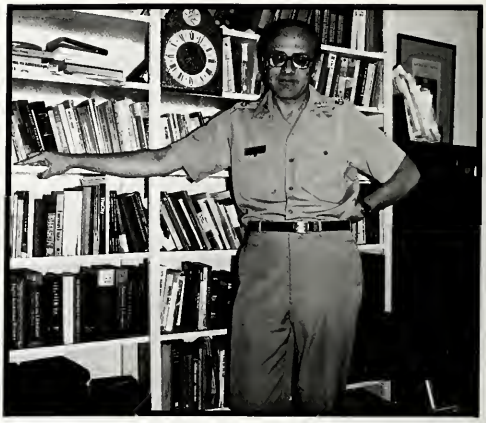

Maj. Wilson, Col. Gentry, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Ford, Dr. Davis, Mr. Greet, Maj. Bedell, Col. Roth, Col. Byers, Lt. Col. Boettjer, Not Pictured. Maj. Badgett.

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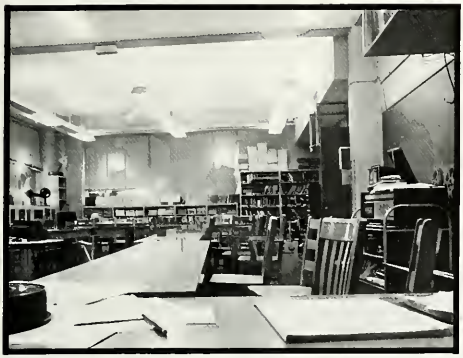

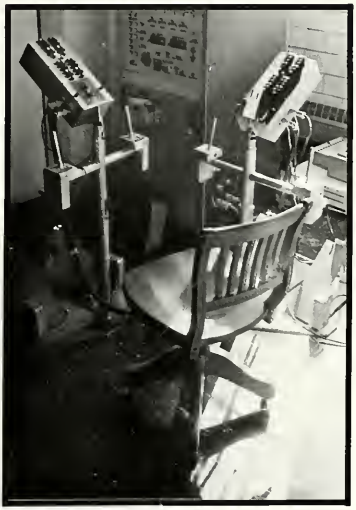

Chaplain Wilson, Col. Carlsson, Mr. Krantz, Mrs. Seaman, Secretary; Dr. Foster.

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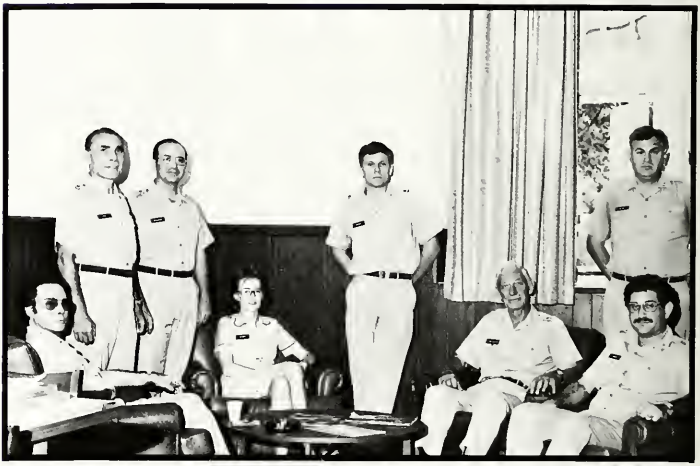

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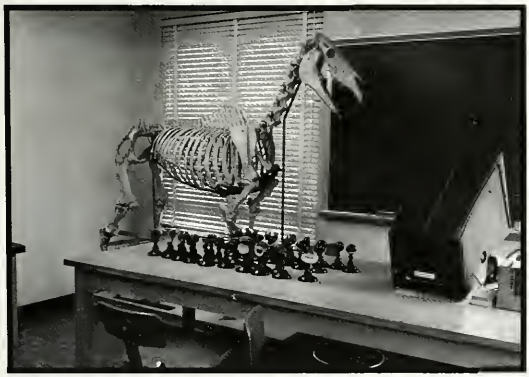

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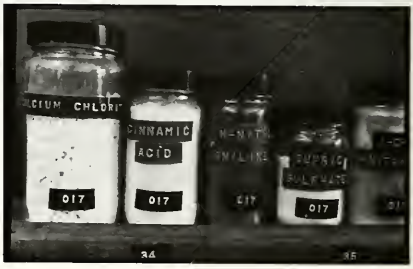

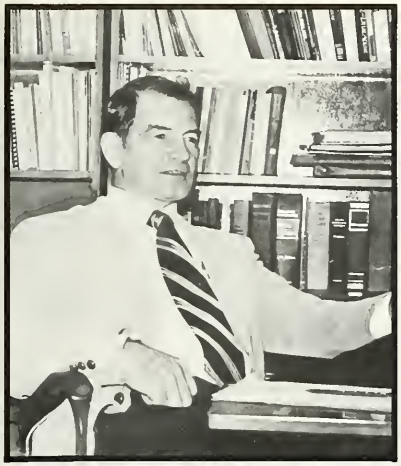

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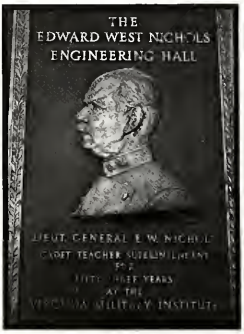

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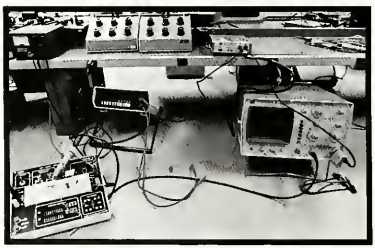

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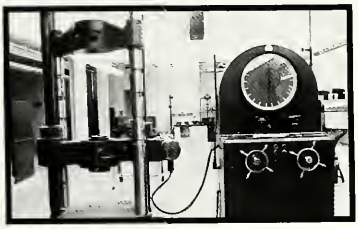

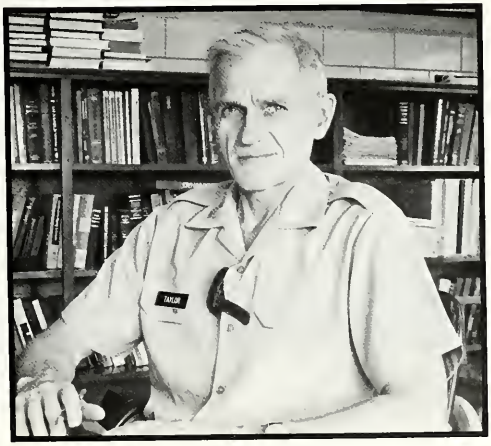

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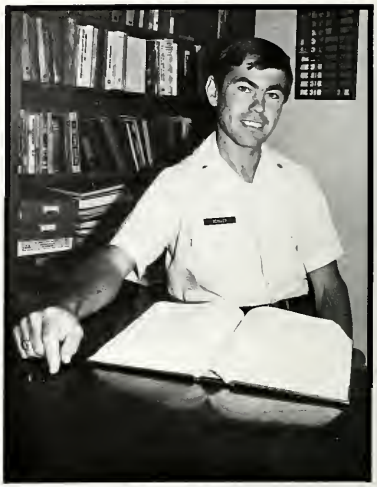

Sitting: Col. McDonough, Col. Knapp, Lt. Col. Sculley, Col. Jamison, Col. Dobyns, Standing: Lt. Col. Pierce, Cdr. Kirkley, Capt. Mines, Maj. Payne, Lt. Col. Crim, Maj. Rude.

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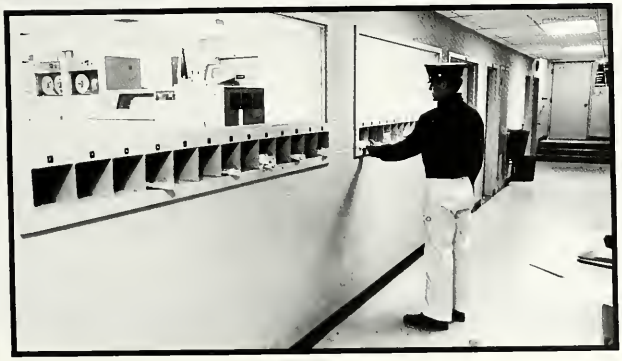

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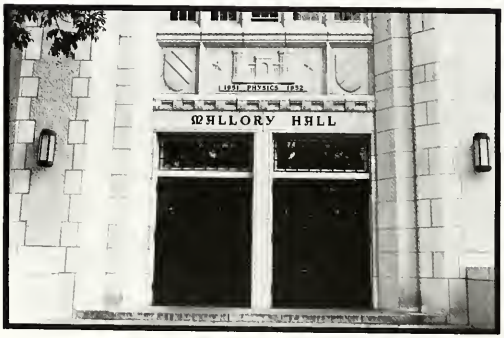

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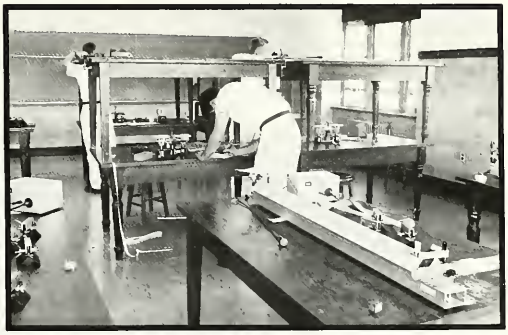

Col. Sauder, Col. Newman, Col. Peters, Col. Minnix, Maj. Jones, Col. Carpenter, Maj. Adams.

MILITARY SCIENCE

PMS — COL. EDGAR

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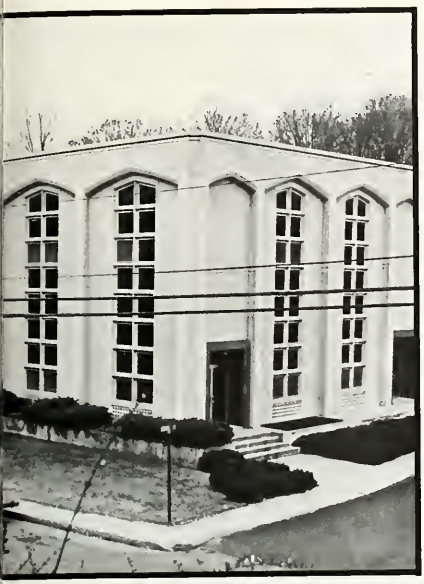

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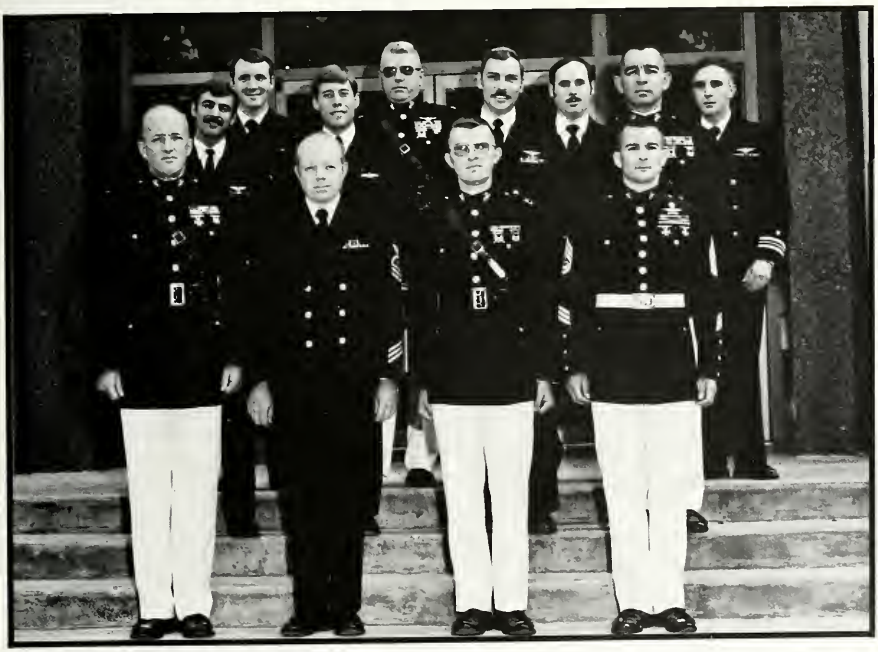

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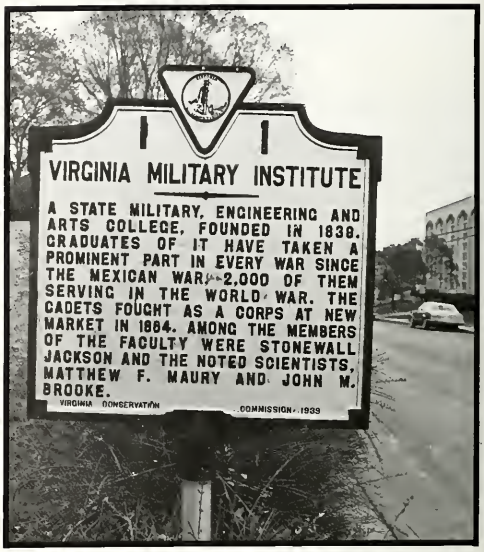

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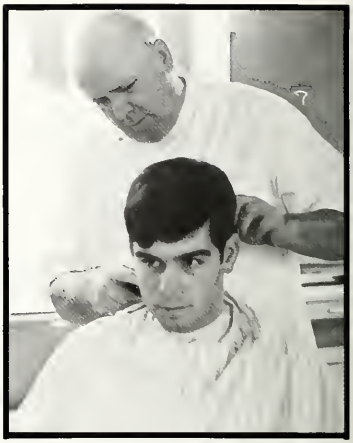

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Outrage!!

HEADQUARTERS CORPS OF CADETS
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia

ROOM 69 19 May 19 79

SUBJECT: Special Report

TO : Cadet Administration, D. F. Class 0

You will answer by indorsement hereon the following delinquency within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt:

A Book For You

DEPUTY COMMANDANT

Many of my little Ratties have asked old Uncle Stosh why he loves the VMI administration so dearly, and to these I must answer that although Uncle Stosh has never been blessed with the god-like powers they claim, these playful bambinos have always held a very special place in his tired old heart.

Yes, I've heard how they've wanted certain cadets dismissed for their criticisms in defense of their fellow cadets, and I have thought about them.

Yes, I have heard of them taking the Corps' money for their "special funds", the TCFC fighting against the PX Pirate who wanted them closed so he could keep his profits up, and I have thought about them.

Yes, I have seen innocent Cadets have their personal belongings searched without the least necessity, their roommates shafted by ridiculous bones or power-hungry boards, and I have thought, and thought, and thought about them. And so this OUTRAGE — To help all my little friends in the administration get all those things in life they so most richly deserve.

Your Uncle Stosh

Cadet Administration, D. F. VMI, Lexington, Virginia 19 May 19 79

TO: The Commandant of Cadets, Virginia Military Institute

1. The above report is correct.

2. Explanation: (Use reverse side if necessary).

Cadet Administration DF.
(Signature)

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT OF CADETS, VMI, LEXINGTON, VA. 19 May 1979

TO: The Superintendent, Virginia Military Institute

1. Request orders be published confirming the following penalty assessed the above cadet.

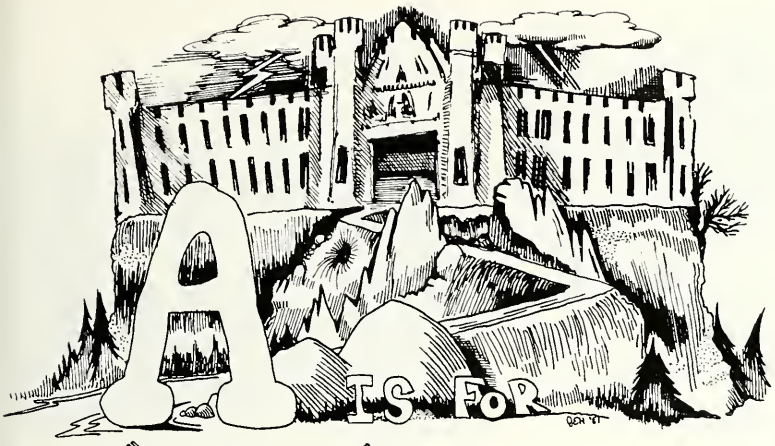
76 Demerits, 19 Weeks (Months) Confinement, and 79 Penalty Tours

2. Confinement effective DRC, 19 May 19 79

(Commandant of Cadets)

Special Orders Number 79 Dated 19 May 79 Paragraph 1

360 OUTRAGE



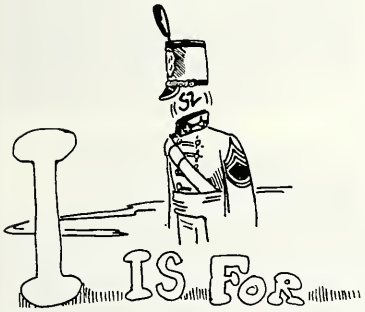
Would you like to go to the far off land of VMI where the policies are just, the administration is fair, your word as a cadet is beyond reproach, and the roads are made of yellow gold?

Well you *CAN'T.*

Because there is no fair play in the administration, there is no consideration behind their policies, there

is no freedom, and . . . **THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS!!**

— Maybe someday you can work in OZ.



In the military, an S-2 is intelligence. Intelligence is being smart. If you have an S-2, you make good decisions, are very smart, and very fair. Did you ever look for the S-2 at VMI? There is an S-1. There is an S-3. There is no S-2!

WHERE
HAS
THE
S-2
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OZ is a fairy land the Superintendent has created in the infinite void of his mind. It is where he and all his little munchkins live, and where he has made himself all powerful.

B IS FOR "BARRACKS"

See the barracks. The barracks are old. The barracks are tall.

The barracks are safe.

The toilets are sanitary.

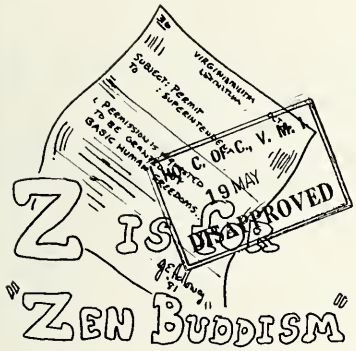
The rooms are neat, clean, plush, and extremely comfortable.

The workmen work hard.

There is privacy.

It is so nice they decided to fit more people in. They used magic for this. Take a 3 man room, add 2 rifle racks, lockers, and beds — POOF! It is a 5 man room. That is magic. That is cozy. That is against the health code. They do not care. They see the money. See the money. POOF! Where did it go? Is that magic??

COURAGE



Zen Buddism is what you call your basic religion. A religion is a basic human freedom. A basic human freedom is one that makes you a free and equal human being. It is even better than a "KEYDET CLUB" card. Basic human freedoms are what make America free and strong. Would YOU like to have your basic human freedoms? Well, then just submit a permit for them to the superintendent and the commandant. In a mere 2 or 3 years it will be considered. In the meantime,

YOU WILL BE BONED . . . . . .

Is also for

"Out"

Did you ever take the time to stop and consider WHY, after all the sweat, worry, and sleepless nights you suffered over SAT scores, High School grades, letters of recommendation, and all the rest of that ridiculous gibberish it took to get you IN the Big "I", you always seem to be trying so damned hard

TO
GET
OUT
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See the money. The money is green. The money is nice. The money comes in nice big heavy bags and crisp tall piles. The money is good. The money will build a new field for the football coach.

The money will buy a shiny new car for the Superintendent.

The money will buy new grass for the parade field, new booze for the alumni parties, and a new tricycle for the Commandant. It will buy nothing for you.

See the money. The money will solve all the world's problems.

Where do you get money?

Some people STEAL it. That is VERY, VERY BAD. Others get it like this:

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Inventory Sheet No. 20

DEPARTMENT _____ Date _____

COUNT	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	Cost		Price Selling PRICE Unit		Total	
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CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE ? ? ? ?

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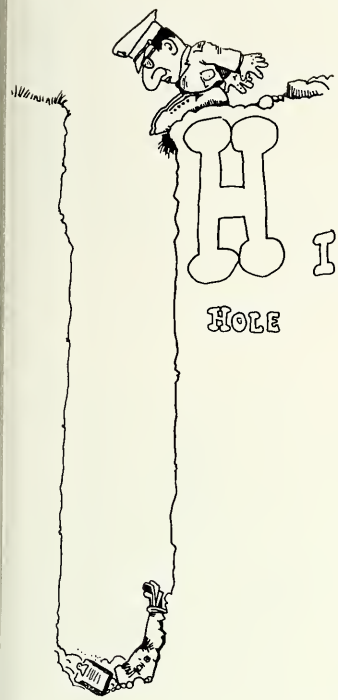

See the hole. The hole is big. The hole is wide. The hole is deep. You can bury things in the hole.

See the Commandant's bone sheets. You can bury them in the hole.

See the Superintendent's golf clubs. You can bury them in the hole.

The CE Department's grade sheets, the Academic Board's ego, the Tac staff's pens, the P.X. prices, the QMD's profits, the Book Store's credit card machines, you can bury them ALL in the hole.

Oh . . .

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See the TAC.

HE sees you burying things in the hole. He will tell the Commandant or the Superintendent and you will get confinement or be dismissed.

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In communist countries, they deprive the inhabitants of their basic human freedoms, impound their possessions, and confiscate personal property in order to reduce the individual to the already low level of the State administrators. Aren't you glad this isn't so at VMI?????

"CONFISCATION"

S IS FOR "SUPERINTENDENT"

Would YOU like to meet the Superintendent? Who is he? He is that man who never talks to the Corps, never comes into barracks, never listens to what we have to say, and never knows what is going on. He is very confused. He is the man who makes all those rules that say you can't go out and play with the other kids every day, puts you to bed early (with no TV if you're bad), and makes sure that you are dressed just right every minute of your life. He lives far, far away in a palace, in a land called Oz. He wants you to grow up and be responsible.

S IS ALSO FOR "STEP-OFF"

What is a "STEP-OFF"? A step-off is when you yell back at the Superintendent for not letting you go out and play with your friends, stay up late to watch TV, live like a normal human being, have some responsibility, and grow up to be responsible. Way back, long ago, in 1951, they had a step-off. They burned up the doors from their rooms, threw their rusty old lockers into the courtyard, shattered all the windows, smashed all the light-bulbs, and barricaded themselves into barracks. Boys, being boys, they had a lot of fun. The Superintendent came over and into their barracks. The Superintendent had to listen to what the Corps said. The Superintendent had to talk to the Corps. The Superintendent and the Corps became very good friends. Then, alas, there came a NEW Superintendent.

Would you like to meet the NEW Superintendent?

Well, then, just tear out the card below, and paste it over the year on YOUR calendar every month. Then, each and every day when you wake up, it will be 1951.

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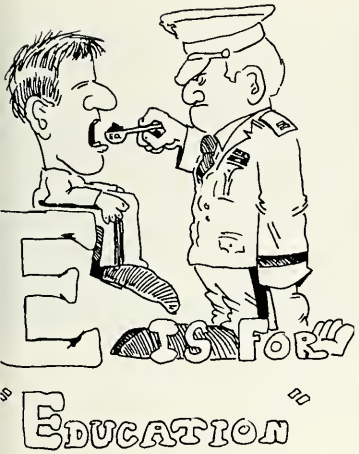

Would you like your very own truly American 100% real live EDUCATION? (Personal; individual; 1 each) An education makes you very macho, so everyone will look up to you, talk to you, and stand with you at parties, so maybe you can even get a date.

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You will be a 5 year man, and will spend the best years of your life, not to mention the best part of your fortune in solitude. But, you will get an education.

Smile, you will be happy.

You will be popular at parties.

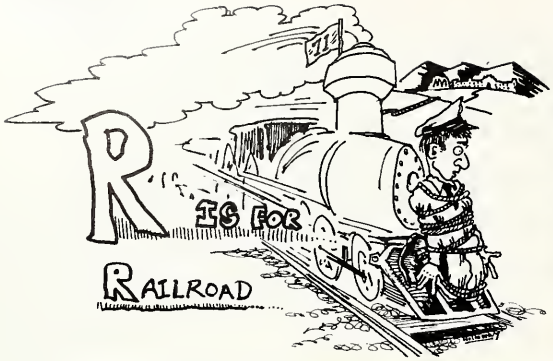
You will have women all around you. They will all flock around to look and laugh at how funny you look.

Have you ever seen "The Big Who"? Well, I haven't. I have only seen his little henchmen. There are seemingly millions of them. They are what is called a "Who's Who." They run around their puzzle palace in Oz and are oh so very hard to find! Shy creatures, afraid of intelligent inquiries, they are always locked up in some smoke-filled coffee-room conference or "Out to Lunch" somewhere at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Would you like to meet the BIG WHO?? Well, you CAN'T. He's ALWAYS "Out to Lunch".

What is a Microsecond?

A "Microsecond" is a very teeny, weeny, tinsy tiny thing. A Microsecond is a measure of time. A microsecond is the amount of time that elapses between the instant the Superintendent hands you your diploma, and the first solicitation from the alumni fund.



Would you like to ride on a real live railroad? You can play with the whistle. It will go "CHOO! CHOO!!" How? Just tell the administration that they are very bad and are doing a terrible job. Tell them you will write home to mommy and daddy who will get their lawyer. Then, you will get a ride on the railroad. It will take you right over the parade field, and far, far away. It will be fun. Play with the whistle.

See the food. They serve food in the Mess-Hall. M-M-M-M-M Good! Would you like to know what is in the food? Then just ask Fido. Fido was a pig. He lived near the Mess-Hall. One day he went to see what was in the food. Poor, Poor, Fido . . .

Humane means that you care for things and people and animals. A horsey is an animal. Do you like horsies? Do you know where all the horsies live on post? They all live in the gas-tanks of the cars of the OC's, teachers, and administrators. They are what makes these cars go. They are called "Horse-power". Poor, poor horsies. They are hungry and very rarely fed. See the gas-caps. See the sugar in the mess-hall.

Poor, poor, **POOR** Horsies . . .

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**P.S. I hope that the "POWERS THAT BE" don't take it off when they look through the BOMBs.

Yes, sports fans, at the end of every game, whether we win or lose, they play a song and we all sing. So, it is only fitting that we close with a song here. ESPECIALLY, since we have all LOST here for so long.*

*(sung to the tune of "DIXIE")

Verse I

I'd love a'liv'n at the VMI,
Where truth reigns pure,
It never dies,
Where've you gone,
Where've you gone,
Where've you gone,
VMI?

In long gone days I was so new,
I took all they gave me to be true,
Where've you gone,
Where've you gone,
Where've you gone,
VMI?

Chorus

Then I had great pride in
DIXIE,
Hoo-ray! Hoo-Ray!
But in Dixie land,
They deny their stand,
And never sing out DIXIE.
Oh Say, O Say, O Say O is this West
Point?
O Say, O Say, O Say O what is their
point?

Verse II

I wish they'd let my Corps be free,
To hold some responsibility,
Who do they,
who do they,
who do they,
Think they are?

They don't believe in New
Market's blood,
Search our rooms, make us live in
crud,
Who do they,
Who do they,
Who do they,
Think they are?

Chorus

Verse III

Well, now my song is done and
through,
I'll leave it all up to you,
Stand Tall,
Stand Tall,
Stand Tall,
All Keydets.

Say what you think and what is
true,
Smith Hall will soon get rid of you,
Only the Corps,
Only the Corps,
Only the Corps,
Has a Code.

Chorus

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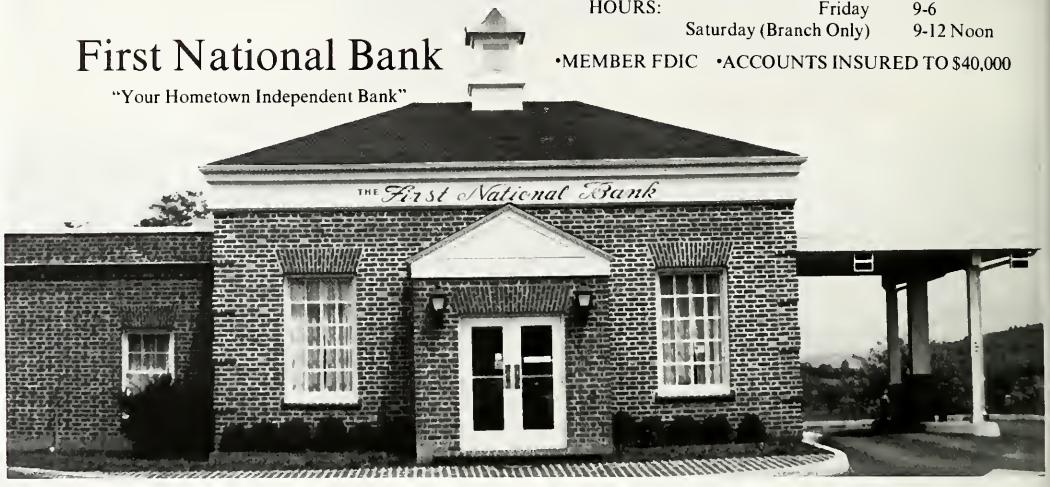

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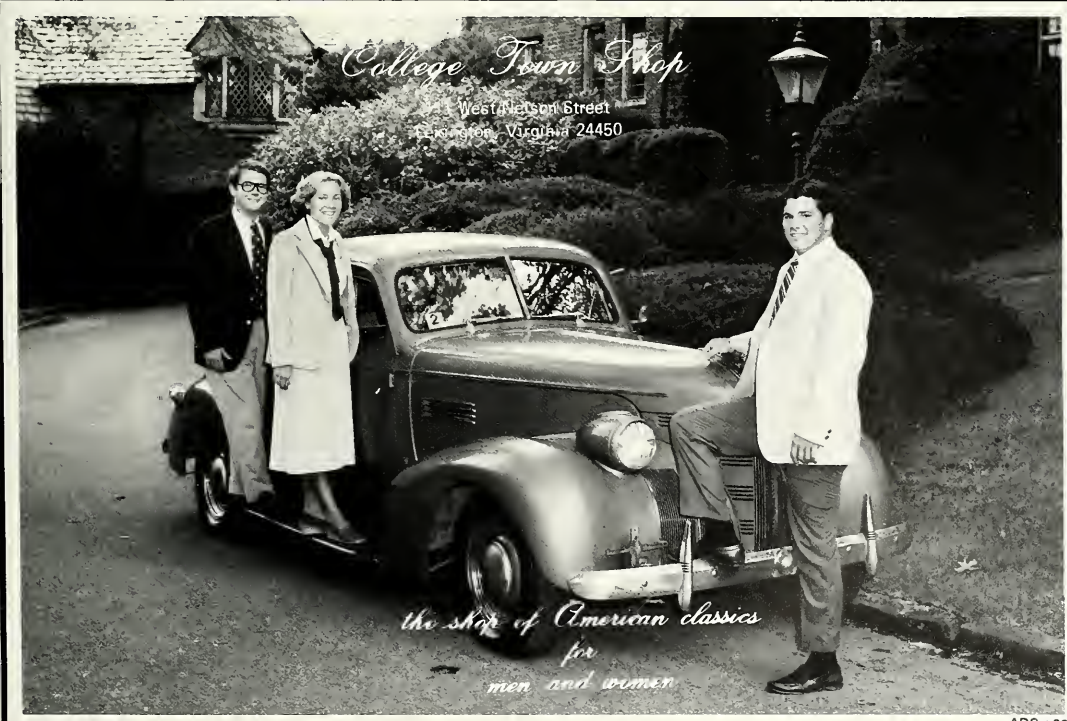

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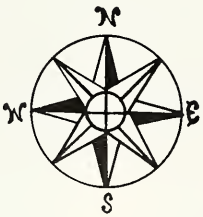

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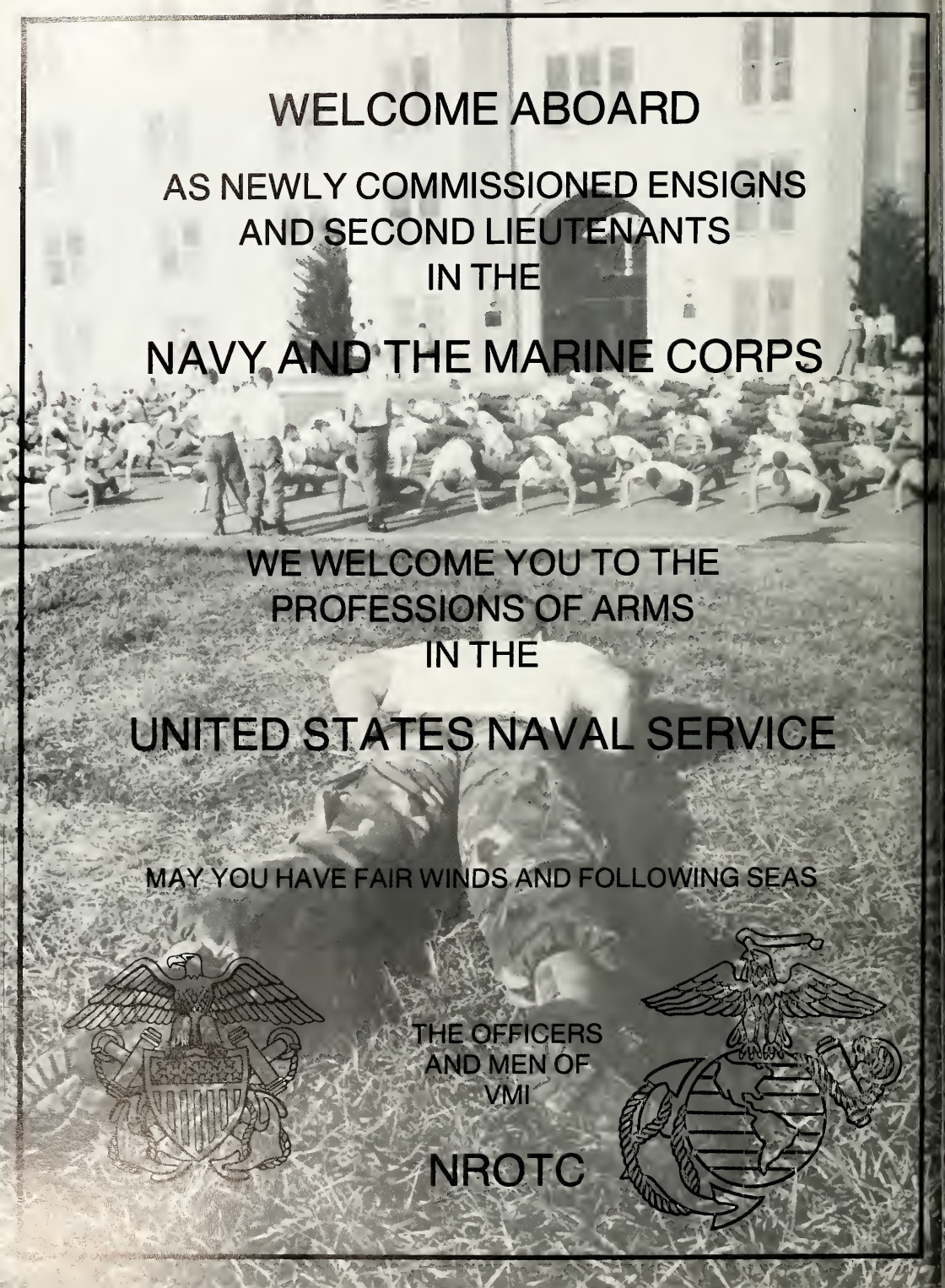

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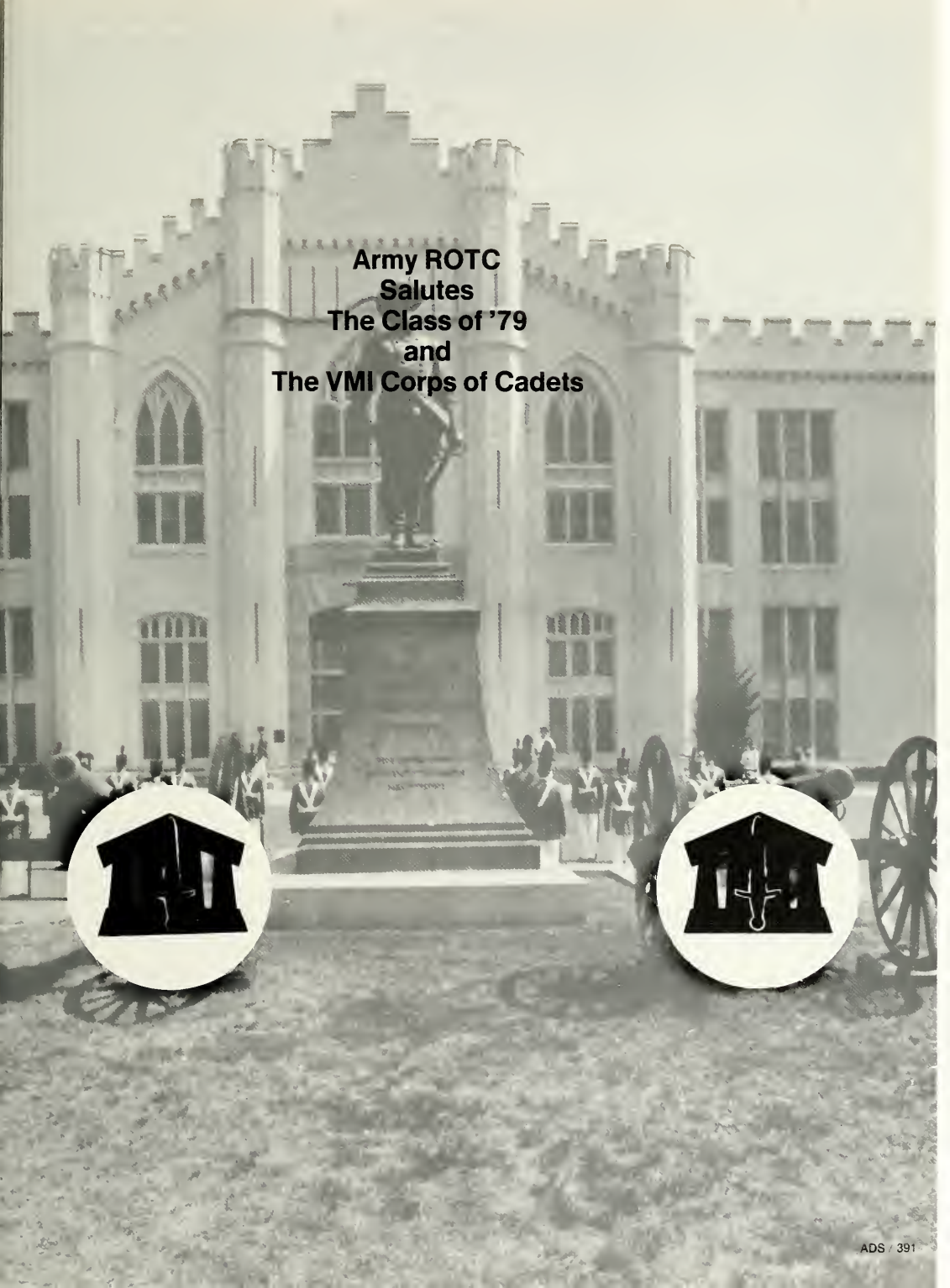
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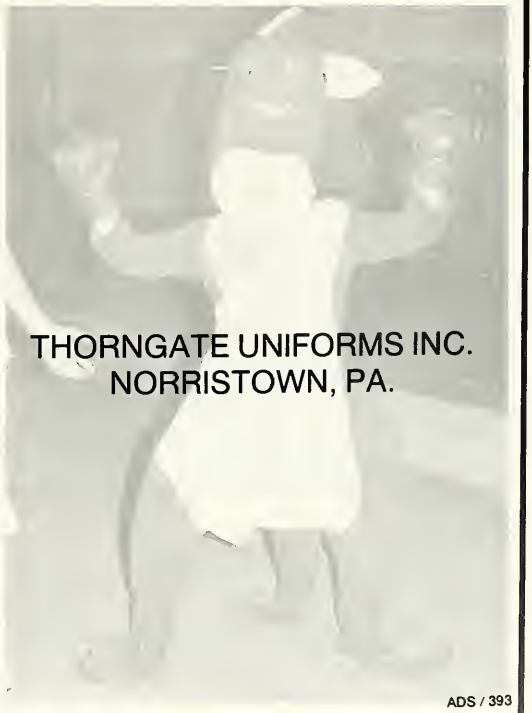

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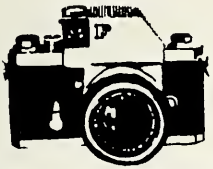

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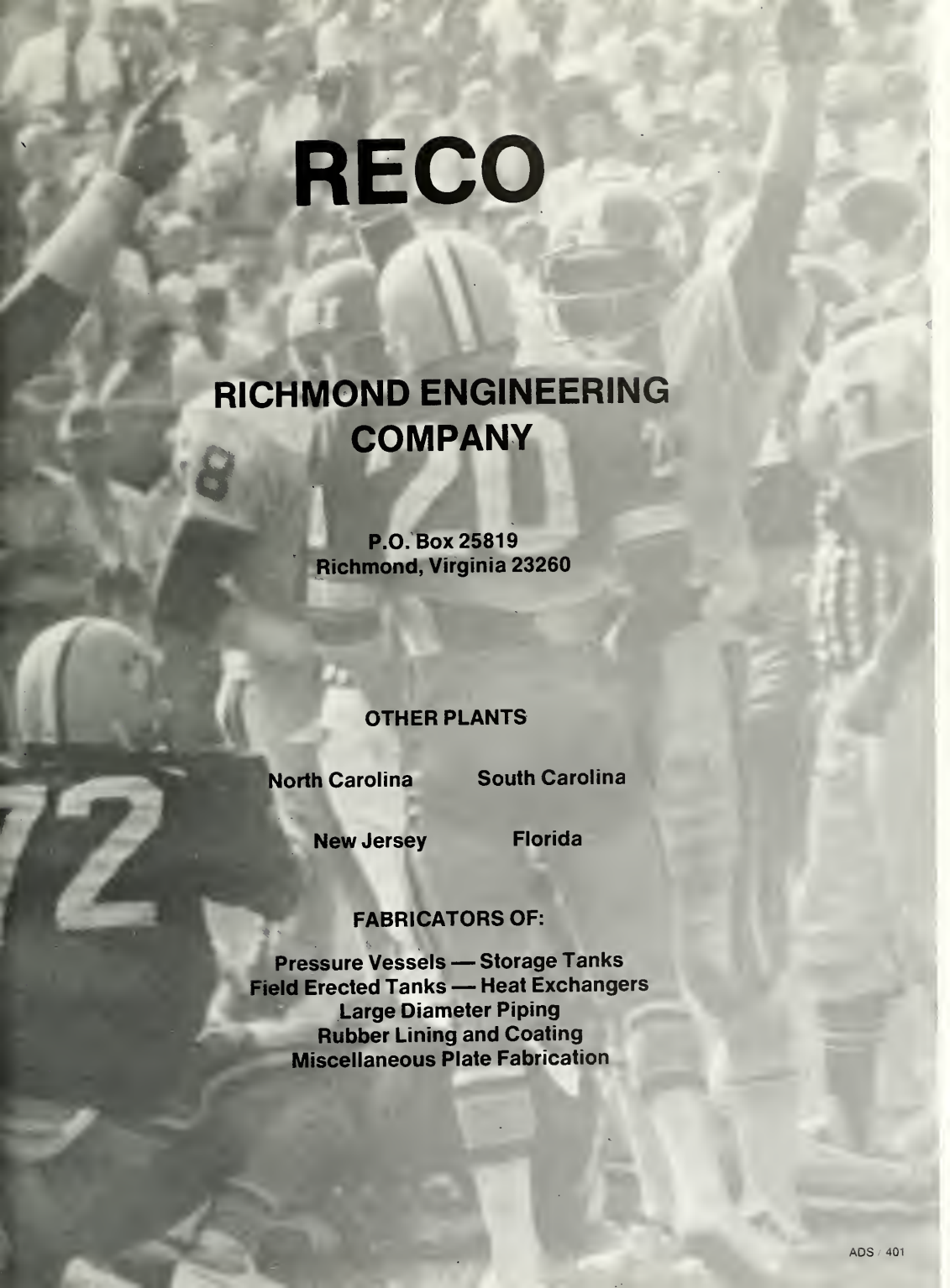

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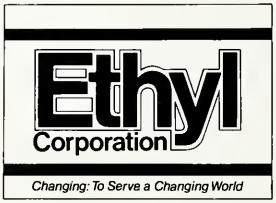
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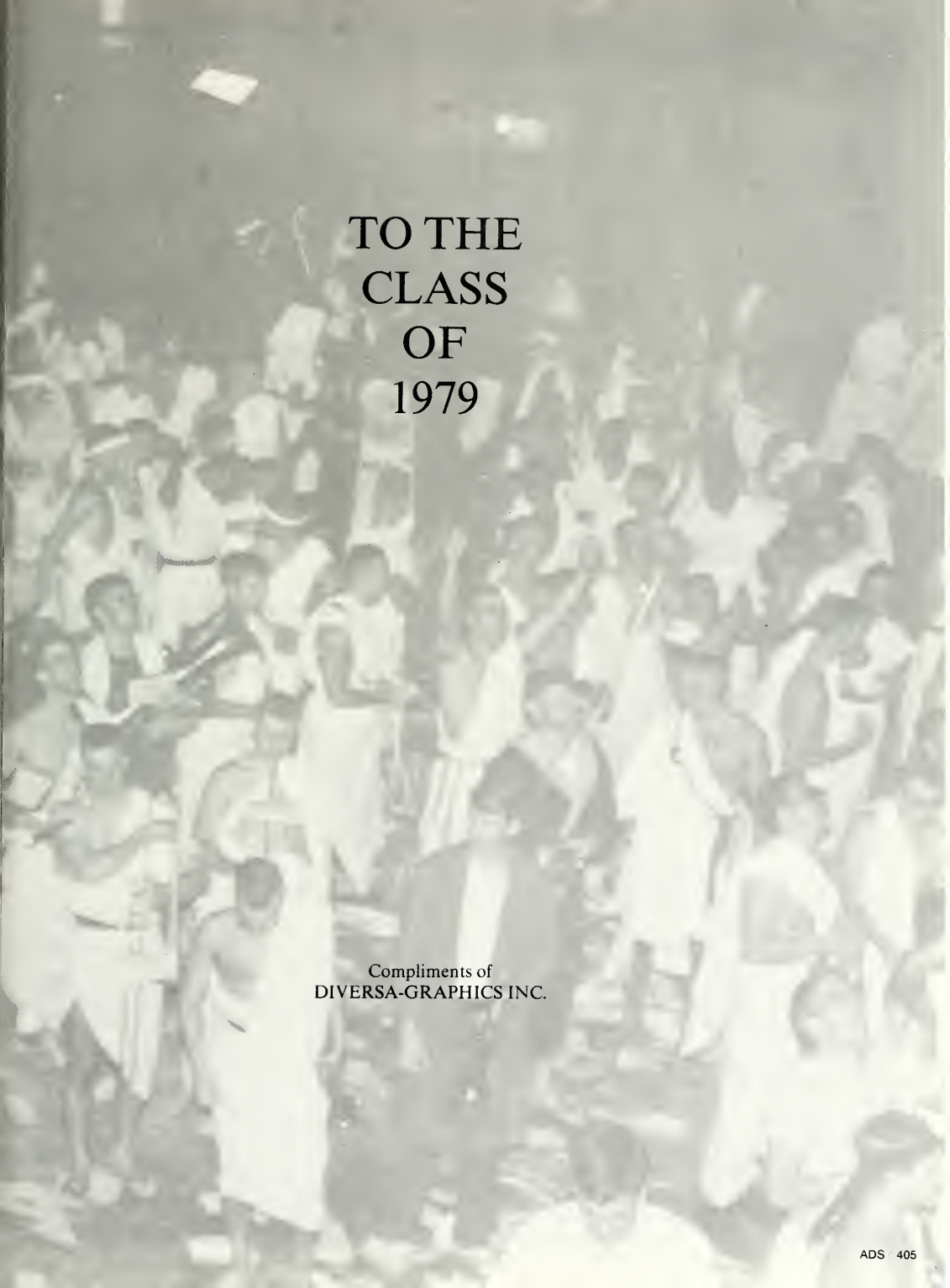

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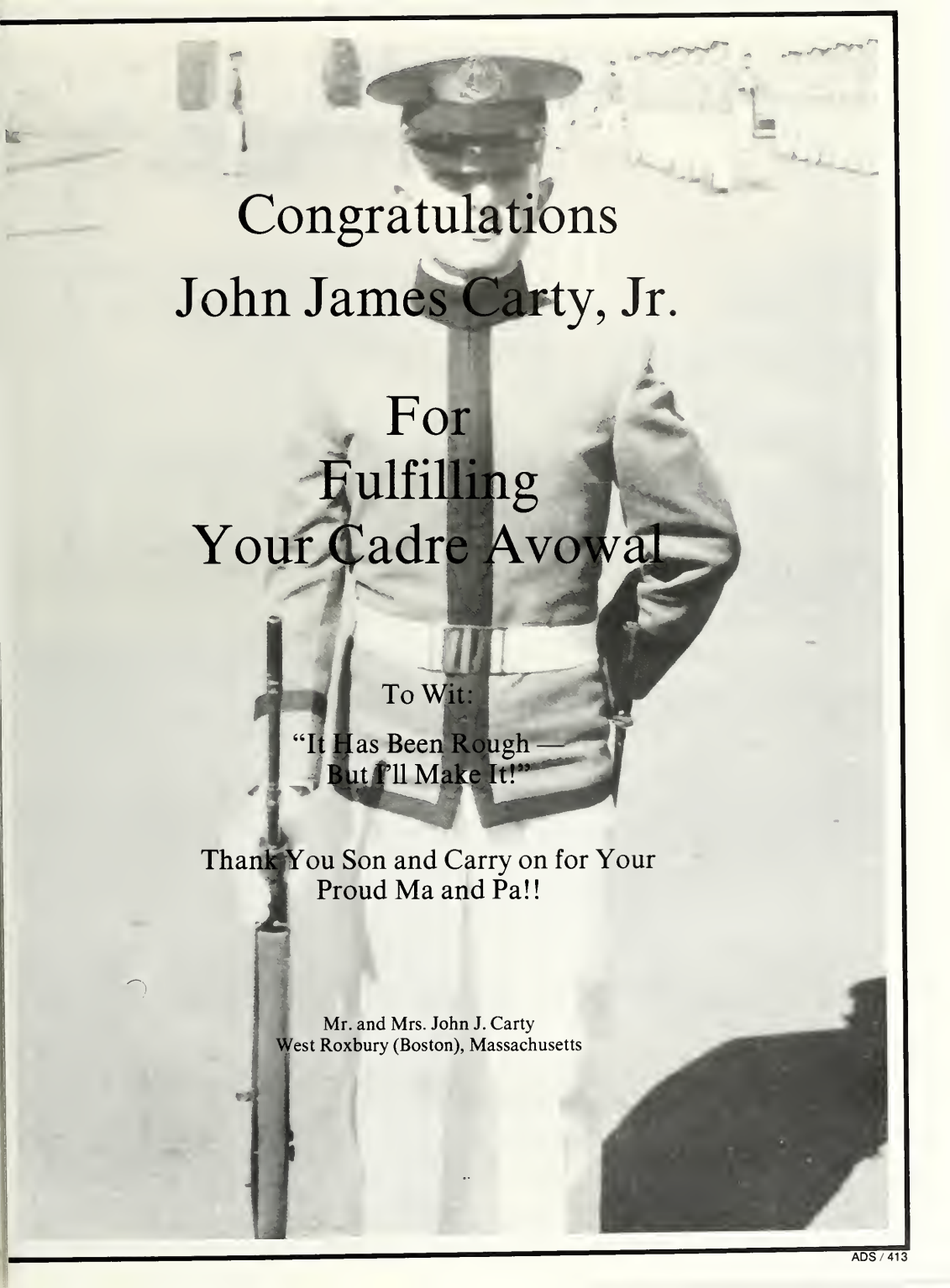

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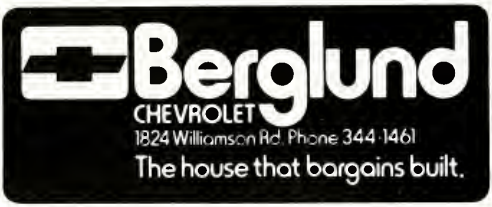

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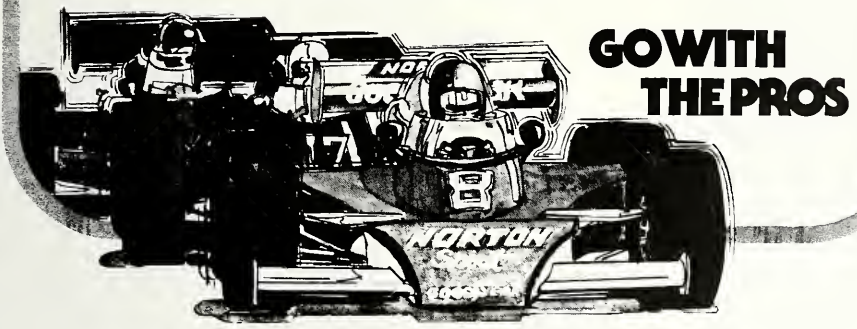

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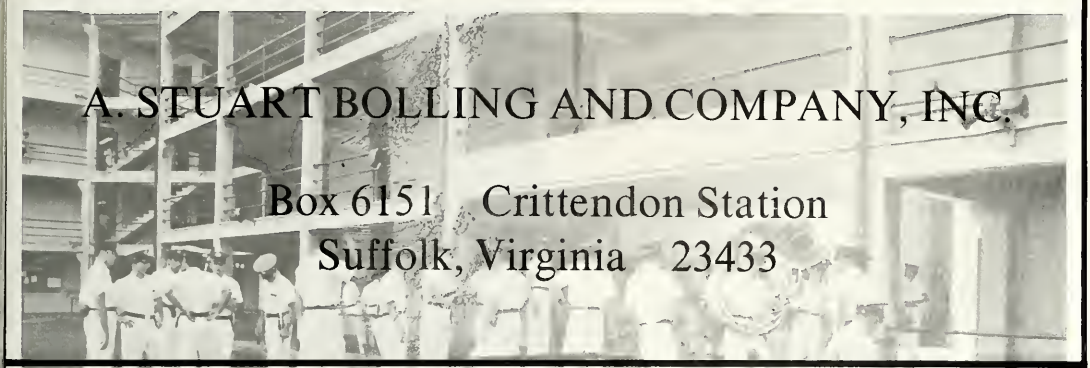

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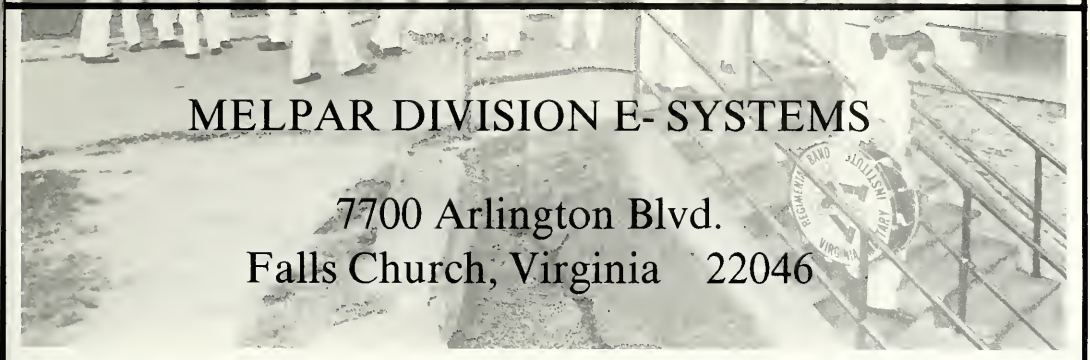

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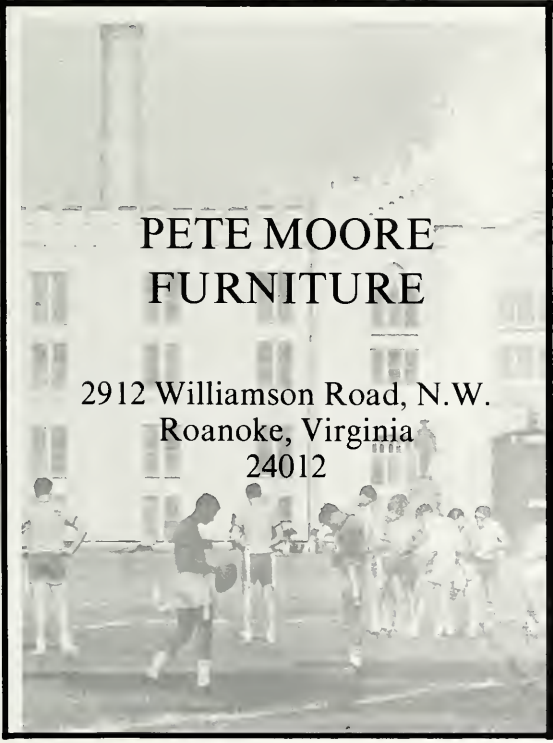

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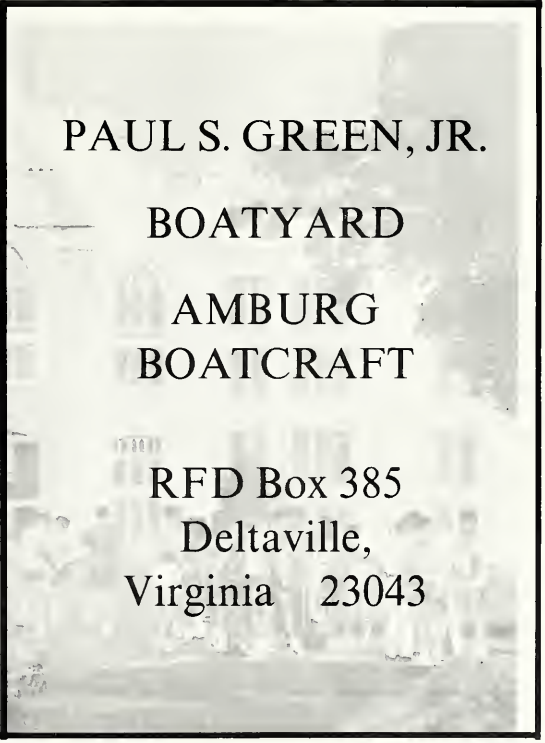

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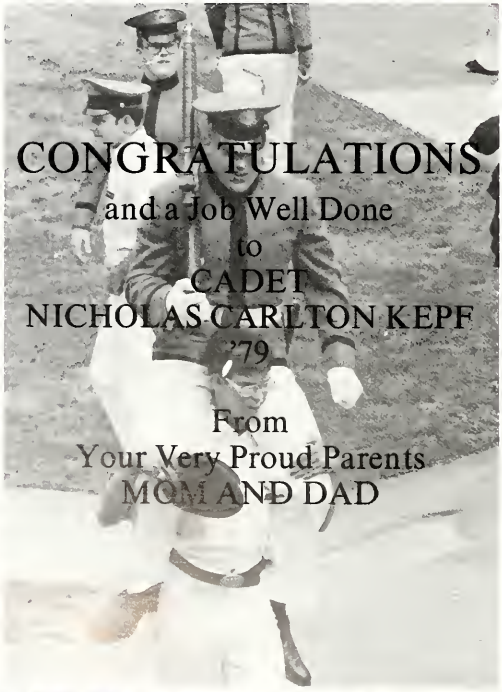

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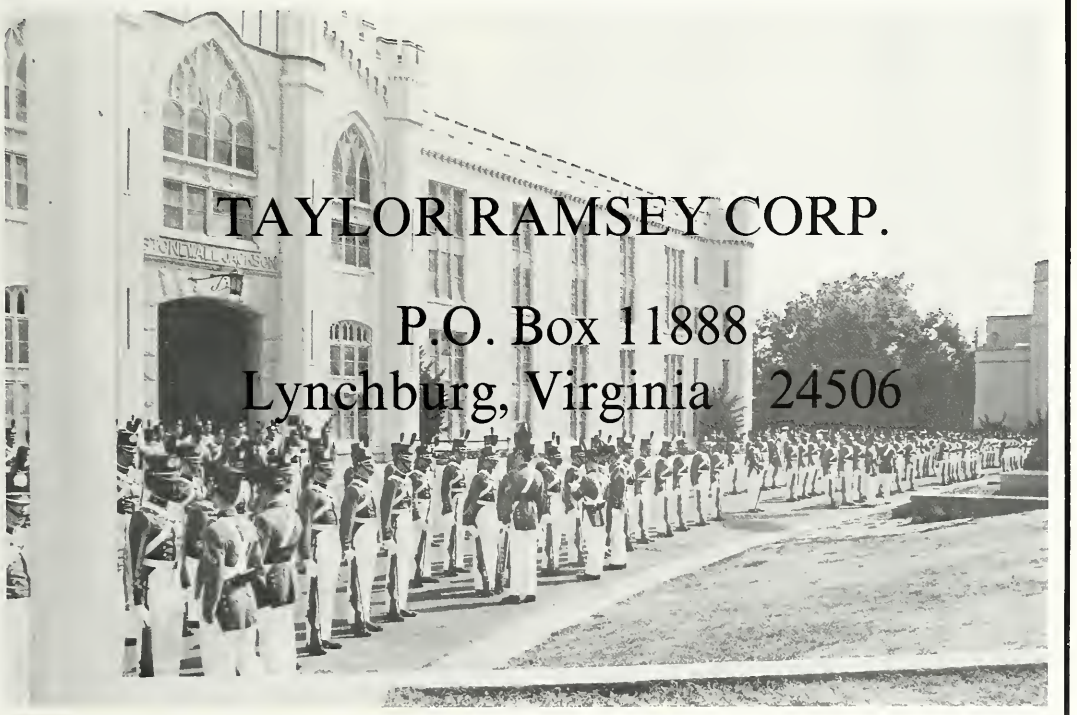

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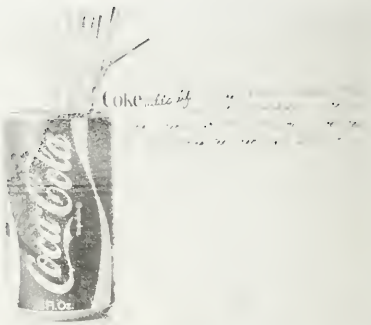

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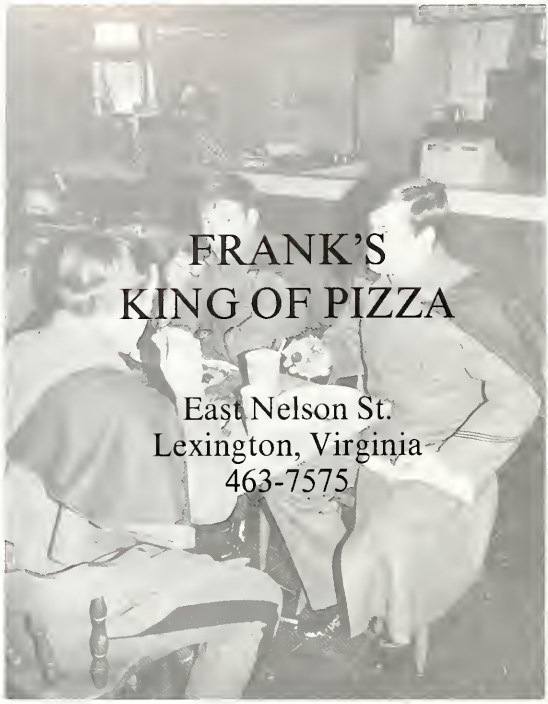

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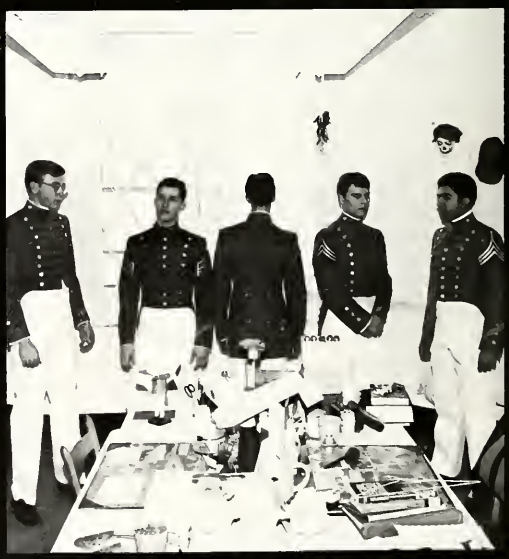

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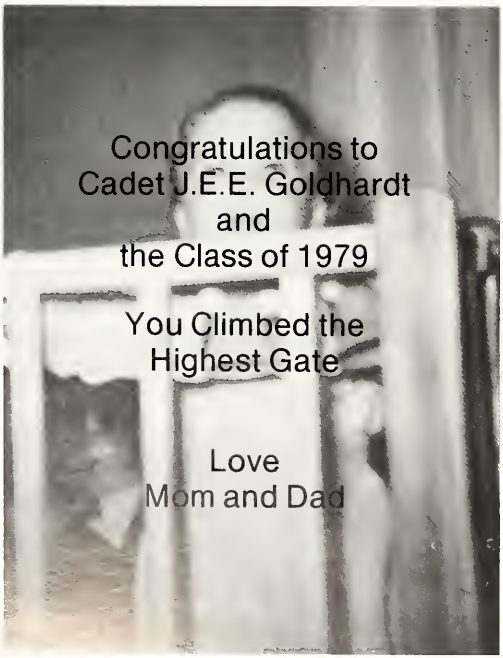

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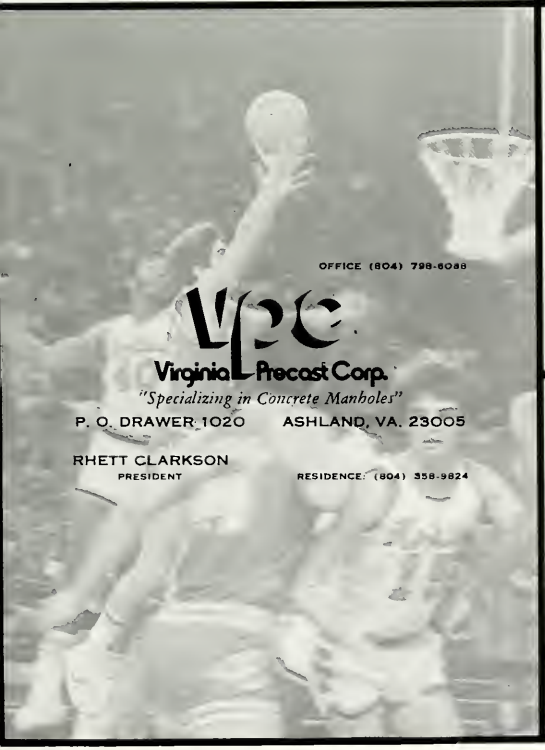

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EPILOGUE

The Class of '79 has now freed itself from the Institute regulations, and now I'm supposed to tell y'all how "disillusioned" I am with VMI. Wrong! I am anything but that. In fact, I leave the barracks with a newfound sense of admiration and respect for the four years that marked my stay. I feel more than prepared for the outside world, and now that you ask, yes I'm going to tell you all about it. Where else could one go to see first hand the gross inefficiency and bureaucracy which marks the military and no doubt has its own counterpart in the business world? No where but at VMI. And as for the civilian world's claim of "padded" union jobs, I need only look to VMI, where connections land jobs regardless of qualifications, and added red tape assures their continuation. (Is this what they mean when they say that "VMI survives in spite of itself?") Yes VMI has given me a good view of the executive ladder, as professional courtesy is one-uped by VMI's patented brand of brown-nosing, where personal values and beliefs are disregarded for the imperial whims of the upper echelons. And we've even learned to, or rather not to show disrespect to "superiors" who are worthy of nothing but sympathy. Surely this will help me in the real world. But most important of all, my stay at VMI has shown me that our honor system can survive outside of the barracks while at the same time it can also be ridiculed and disgraced by those who once claimed membership in the Corps.

We, the Class of 1979, have witnessed more changes within the VMI system than has any other class, as we lost the privilege to study past the "norm," the last vestiges of being a "southern" military school, and the right to plan and enforce our own ratline. We have had our proud moments though, and I'd like to single out one lest it pass unnoticed. In Tony Hamilton, we've had the first class officer in recent history to go through four years of office without once cursing or using profanity in Jackson Memorial Hall. While to some this may seem trivial, in view of the qualities that the VMI cadet is supposed to emulate it is very important to me and hopefully to all those who wear the ring with pride. The citizen-soldier concept is important, but the principle of being a gentleman first far exceeds it. It is my sincere hope that despite all the changes in the Institute's structure, morals, and customs, the Virginia Military Institute will continue to maintain its strict adherence to the Honor Code, for without it, the Institute as we know it today cannot survive, and more importantly doesn't deserve to.

On the lighter side of the year, working with the *BOMB* Staff proved to be quite an experience . . . Just like my cadetship, I didn't know what I was getting into until it was too late to bail out (at least being Editor-in-Chief only lasted one year.) Sliding gracefully on my face from one crisis to another, I survived the nightly Liverance-Nost wrestle-offs, the Morice attacks, Monjeau's fear of bugs, and Klinker's starvation diet. Smoke's smokin', Stosh's sleuthin', Dennis' hand signals, the Keeper of the White Rock, Spic's rare visits, and the entrapment of Jeffry V. all led to the final deadline and its miraculous completion. Nothing however was so important as the ascendancy of Bob Wheeler to Managing Editor and a close friend. Best of luck to you Bob and the 1980 *BOMB*.

Many events will forever stand out in my mind regarding the yearbook, but among the most notable will be Doug's flooding of his beloved darkroom and subsequent developing (of pictures) in the ladies bathroom, the 5AM trip by Jay and me to put our deadline on the 7AM flight out of Roanoke to Dallas, and finally Col. Edgar's catching the entire staff raisin' hell after what we *thought* was our only inspection during SNI. (At least he didn't see the refrigerator and T.V., or did he? . . .)

Now is the time for me to claim that this yearbook is radical, different, unstructured, uncivilized, unconstitutional, subversive, and capable of speaking in five different languages. Maybe so, maybe not. But there is one claim I will make, and that is the 1979 *BOMB* is a staff yearbook representing the entire Corps. Without the large number of people who spent many hours of their study time putting up with my grief this book would not be a fraction of what it is. Just what it is I'll leave up to you.

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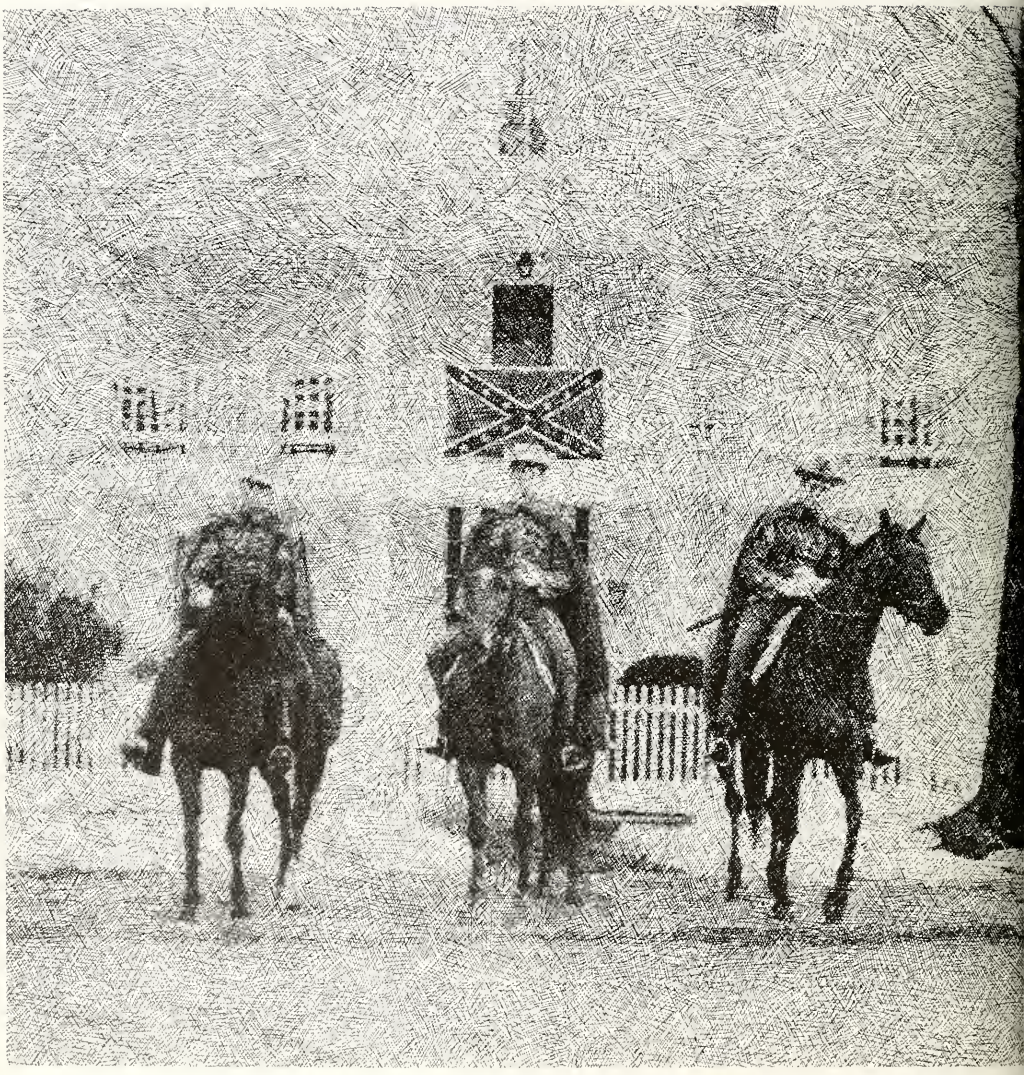
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